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KNITTING nut Sarah Wiggins moved the family business Art & Yarns from the Heathrow area to the George Shopping Precinct in Crewkerne seven years ago.

At the time, she was looking for her first house and had enjoyed holidays in the South West. When the landlord demolished the building where her mother had set up the existing business, a house and shop in Crewkerne became vacant at the same time and it was the ideal opportunity to make the move.

The only girl of four brothers, Sarah learnt to knit from her mother when she was six and started with a multi-coloured blanket using any yarn she could find. Now she offers a bespoke service and is going online with Studio Swig, alongside the retail shop which sells a variety of yarns, sewing accessories and artist quality materials.

Recently she totally re-created a favourite jumper for a client and is having a Landrover sprayed pink for deliveries and exhibition sales.

On July 1st she starts a knit and natter group in the library from 10am to 12pm.

● WHY do enjoy knitting?

I just love it, it's very therapeutic and I've always found I can't get things in the shops my size. There is an amazing range of yarns now, from bamboo and sugar cane, to hand-dyed yarns in a range of textures and colours.

● WHAT is your favourite style?

At the moment I am really getting into Arans and cable. The patterns can be more challenging and I have to stop and think about it. A lot of people make deliberate mistakes in the pattern as a signature.

● WHAT was your most ambitious project?

When I was at university I knitted with wire. I made hats and then it was a case of getting bigger and bolder and I started knitting with washing line. I had this grand idea to drape the front of the building. I made needles out of two and a half inch diameter dowel rods about 28 inches long. It killed my shoulders.

● WHAT is your favourite colour?

It used to be blues but now I am going more for the pinks and magentas, hence the pink Landrover!

● WHAT would you say has changed the most in knitting circles?

The yarns but also the design - different shapes and lacework are very big at the moment. I have always been interested in the make do and mend aspect of WWII which has made a big comeback.

● IF you could meet anyone who would you choose?

Dave Myers, one of the Hairy Bikers. He recently admit-



ted he was a secret knitter and I Tweeted about it.

● WHAT do you like about Crewkerne?

I love Crewkerne, it's the people, they are so friendly. You pop to the shop and end up talking to someone. There are such a mix of people here.

● HAVE you been involved in a community project?

Yes, I was asked to help with bunting for when the Queen came last year. I designed the templates and ten of us made 25 metre lengths at a time.

● IF you could time travel where would you go?

I enjoyed the television series "Life on Mars" and I grew up in the early 1980s but wasn't old enough to enjoy it so I'd like to go back and go to things like Live Aid.

● WHAT is your philosophy?

Keep on knitting! I take my knitting everywhere. I have plans to go up to Glastonbury Tor and West Bay and knit in the Solstice.

● DO you have any hobbies?

I have been doing a lot of sewing recently and I've just done an aromatherapy massage course, just to not be doing knitting or designing for a while.

● DO you have further ambitions?

I want to carry on designing and publish a book on alternative designs for babies and children. I am looking forward to the knit and natter, it will be every Monday morning in the library. There is an afternoon one at the Henhayes Centre but a lot of my customers wanted something for after they drop the kids at school.

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Outgoing Rotary president hands more than £6,000 to local groups

By Marion Draper

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne has named their new president as Robin Heyd Smith.

The new president was announced at the club's regular lunch meeting on Monday, when outgoing president Derek Phoenix was thanked for his hard work over the past year.

Vice-president was named as Peter Hardwill and president-elect as Peter Lawrence.

Long-standing Rotarian for some 33 years, Norman Powell, stood down from an active member of the foundation committee and was made an honorary member. His fellow members toasted Mr Powell for his considerable contribution to the club's activities, particularly with the youth of the town and liaison with Wadham School, where he had been a teacher and house master for many years.

Local grants

■ Performing his last official duty as president last Friday, Mr Phoenix presented cheques to 18 worthy causes.

The lucky individuals and youth and community groups were chosen from 25 who applied to the club for a share of the money raised at the Rotary Shop over the Christmas and New Year period.

Available funds for donation totalled £6,750, just 10.7 per cent of the total requested, and thanks went to members of the public who supported the Rotary Shop and sales of hyacinth bulbs to raise this amount.

A group of seven Wadham School students received a total of £2,000 towards a two-week educational trip to Zanzibar in 2014. They will be working as a team on various scientific and biodiversity projects at four marine and forest reserves.

The school received a further £300 for its steel band towards re-tuning their drums; £300 for its community film club, Film Crew, to add a hearing loop; and £200 for the junior triathlon.

Able2Achieve, the day provision centre based at Coombe Farm which helps those with learning difficulties to develop skills and self-confidence, received £400 towards a display area and storage units. The 1st Crewkerne Scouts also received £400 to help replace a sagging ceiling and rotting rafters in the scout hut.

Several local groups and individuals received donations of £300 each, including: the Friends of Stage4Kidz for a replacement sound system, theirs having broken down during carnival season; the Henhayes Community Centre to add a commercial microwave to its kitchen; Somerset Sight Crewkerne for its monthly meetings and outings for blind and partially sighted people; the young people's music festival run by Alan Spinney at the Henhayes Centre, which is entering its third year; teenage wildlife filmmaker Abbie Barnes to further her work at Songthrush Productions, raising awareness of global issues which affect wildlife and people; Paralympic hopeful Ebony Court for her recently purchased bespoke wheelchair for sprint racing; the Speedwell Hall towards disabled toilet facilities.

Joe Swainson was given £250 towards his World Challenge trip to Zambia to explore and help the local people. A further £250 was donated to 17-year-old Chloe Hill, who hopes to study medicine and has volunteered to work for a week in a hospital in the Czech Republic with the organisation Gap Medics.



■ NEW LINE UP: Past president Derek Phoenix, new president Robin Heyd Smith, president-elect Peter Lawrence and vice-president Peter Hardwill. Pictured below, Mr Phoenix with recipients of the Rotary Shop share out



The Snowdrop Group, which supports bereaved parents after the loss of a baby, will put their £200 towards memory boxes for the families.

Merriott Village Hall was allotted £200 towards stage lighting and sound equipment to improve facilities for its user groups, while Crewkerne Gardening Club, which runs the annual flower and produce show, were given £150 for some new display boards for the photographic section.

Keep using recycling centre, pleas councillor

COUNTY Councillor John Dyke has issued a plea to local residents to continue using Crewkerne Recycling Centre in light of recent figures.

Addressing the town council, Councillor Dyke announced that a Waste Board meeting had revealed that, as a whole, the county had reduced its recycling from 50.9 per cent to 50.3 per cent and landfill had increased from 48.1 per cent to 48.6 per cent, which at a cost of £96 per ton, was a significant amount.

The number of visits to the recycling centre has decreased since a fee was introduced. The figures however also reflect the introduction of the kerbside recycling collections.

Councillor Dyke said: "Please use the recycling centre, we don't want to go through the saga of the threat of closure again."

"Dip your hands in your pockets and pay the £2 rather than the petrol to get to Chard or Yeovil."

W news briefing

Open meeting on dementia concerns

QUESTIONS about forgetfulness and dementia will be addressed at an open meeting to be held at The Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne on Tuesday, July 25th from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Doctor Lucy Knight BM MRC Psych, specialist registrar in old age psychiatry, will talk about the condition and introduce a discussion about concerns you may have.

Since October the centre has run a small group every Monday for those suffering with dementia which enables the carers to have a few precious hours to themselves.

Funding has been made available through Somerset Community Foundation with support from Active Living Somerset for a one year trial.

The group, which is led by a retired professional member of staff, charges £4 per session. Lunch and transport are also available.

At the open event, trustees also would like to hear what else they may be able to be provided locally.

For further information phone 01460 74340. Door-to-door transport will be available.

Train timetables not distributed

THE chairman of the Friends of Crewkerne Station, Tony Reese, is asking anyone who is now unable to get bulk supplies of railway timetables to contact the group or collect from staffed stations.

This came after he heard from Crewkerne Town Council that South West Trains were refusing to accept orders or supply timetables in bulk to anywhere except stations.

He said the Friends will be complaining to the train company and, in the meantime, do what they can to ensure that the current timetable is displayed wherever needed.

Mr Reese can be contacted on 07967 947 335 or through the Friends' website www.crewkernetown.org/friendsofcrewkernestation

Students compete with choir

TWO students from Wadham School will be competing nationally with their choir in the Music For Youth competition.

Year 9 students Lydia Gardiner and Izzie Rowe are members of Yeovil Youth Theatre Show Choir, which has reached the national stages of the competition and will take part on July 3rd.

The choir will compete against choirs from around the country with a medley of songs from "Cats", the popular West End musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

If successful and get through this stage of the competition, the next stop will be the Royal Albert Hall in London.

RNLI street collection

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CLOKS youngsters bring Wild West to Chard

CHARD Local Kids Society (CLOKS) has pulled out all the stops for their double western musical, showing at the Guildhall this week.

The first half of the show, "Ye Ha", had the younger members of the company in the principle parts with the older ones in the chorus and, after the interval, the roles reversed with the older ones taking the lead in a potted version of "Oklahoma".

Both shows were full of fun and energy in the usual style of the CLOKS performers. They always bring a professional edge to amateur productions thanks to their hard work at endless rehearsals and the guidance of dedicated directors Maria and Jonathan Farey, and their efficient back stage crew.

The leads were very strong and, considering the principles in "Ye Ha" were only 11 and 12 years old, they did a fantastic job. Well-delivered, cheesy jokes had the audience in stitches and the characters

THEATRE REVIEW

By Marion Draper

were strong throughout this classic western tale of baddies, goodies, a treasure map and hidden gold.

The show was full of lively songs and line dancing - an overall great performance from the youngsters and left you wanting more.

There were a few first timers in the production and it was great to see some strong male leads in "Oklahoma", who brought in some nifty footwork as well.

Gabriel Swarbeck came across very confidently as Curly, taking the role as if he had done it forever, and Calum Syrett was superbly cast as the dark and moody Jud.

Jake Crump made an excellent peddler and Patrick Moran was perfect casting for his swarthy rival Will.

Jemima Farey was delightful as the fickle bride to be, following the dollars, and Zoe Bond was the formidable Aunt Eller.

Emily Davis, who played Curly's love interest Laurie, was flying high for two reasons, having just been picked from hundreds of applicants to be invited to St Peter's College, Oxford, for taster days in English and history.

The soloists were all very strong and the chorus an absolute delight to listen to - all round a very entertaining, family show in both halves.

The addition of rented costumes, thanks to donated funds, also added to the colour and professional look of "Oklahoma".

The double show continues tonight (Friday) and tomorrow night (Saturday) at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are on sale at Barons Holyrood Street for £5 each.



■ COWBOYS AND INDIANS: The mayor and the Two Stroke Indians of 'Ye Ha'. Pictured below, the full cast of 'Ye Ha' in a dance number



■ LOOKING FOR LOVE: Emily David as Laurie in 'Oklahoma'

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■ **NO NONSENSE:** Aunt Eller played by Zoe Bond sorts out the boys. Pictured below, Gabriel Swarbrick and Carly leads the classic Western song 'Oklahoma'



School fair raises record total

FRIENDS of Chard School were delighted with this year's summer fair, which raised in excess of £2,000 - a record amount for the event.

Stalls included a raffle, crafts, face painting, cakes, plants and a tombola, as well as fun games run by the pupils. The Karate Club did an interesting karate display (pictured right) and refreshments could be purchased from the cafe and barbecue.

The school would like to thank all parents, relatives, pupils, staff and the Friends of Chard School for their support at this event.

Thanks also went to Countrywide in Crewkerne, which kindly donated a gazebo to the school for this and all their future events, and Cricket St Thomas Leisure Club which kindly donated a three month membership as one of the star prizes in the raffle.

Chairman of the Friends of Chard School, Lindsay Rossiter, said: "We are thrilled at the total raised and will be donating all the funds to benefit the education of the pupils at Chard School."



Students raise funds through collection

■ **PICTURED above** are students from Chard School at their Bags 2 School collection on Thursday, June 20th. This term's weight of collected items was 330kg in total and raised £165 for the Friends of Chard School.

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Sixth formers glam up for annual

■ WADHAM Sixth form students from the Crewkerne and Ilminster area gathered for their traditional dinner and dance to mark the end of exams. It was all glitz and glamour as the smartly dressed students and their tutors met at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster on the logest day of the year, June 21st, where they posed together for photographs as keepsakes of their time together before tucking into dinner and enjoying their dance.







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Bugfest a big hit!

FOLLOWING a successful visit by Nick Wadham and his snakes in April, Bugfest returned to Crewkerne Library last week with a collection of crawling beasts.

There were two reasons for the visit - to educate families about the species which play an important part in the ecology of the African rainforests, and to introduce the children's "Creepy House" summer reading challenge, which will run over the summer holidays.

Children are invited to work their way through three floors of fun in the "Creepy House", discovering its secrets by reading six library books and keep track of the action on a special fold out poster. They will also collect stickers as they go along and receive a medal and certificate on completion of the challenge.

The extra collection of creatures to hold and wonder at attracted an even bigger crowd of children this time. Species on show varied from harmless millipedes and stick insects to the more dangerous scorpions, bird

eating spiders and deadly centipede.

The snakes were still a favourite and when the Burmese python came out there was no shortage of volunteers to hold it.

The audience learnt that the large snake, which was only 18 months old, had been rescued with deep burns to its skin. They were told how important it was for people to understand the correct way to keep exotic pets and particularly snakes that will grow ten times their original size.

Bugfest is a community interest company which exists solely to educate the public and is very popular with schools.

The next public event will be a "Make and Meet the Monsters" day on Saturday, June 29th in the Yeovil Liberal Club from 10am to 1pm.

Bugfest will also be at the Crewkerne Lions Fun Day on Saturday, July 21st at Clapton.



■ SPIDERMAN MEETS HIS MATCH:
Below, Lottie Roberston, Sayer Pilton and Victoria Carpenter get close to the bird eating spider. Above, Catherine Williams and Ava lisney take turns to wear the Burmese python. Top, the children get up close to a millipede





■ **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY:** Back row, Lorna Noble, Trisha Harris, Jean Lane (president), Catherine Bacon, Veronica Chard and, front row Paulette Anderson, Christine Bell and Muriel Haddon

Celebrities visit Crewkerne saleroom for television series



■ **ANTIQUES ROAD TRIP:** Phil Vickery, Helen Carless of Lawrences, Fern Britton and Richard Kay of Lawrences in the Crewkerne saleroom after their lots had been sold

The BBC's popular early evening programme, "Celebrity Antiques Road Trip", came to Crewkerne last week.

The celebrity participants were television presenter Fern Britton and her chef husband Phil Vickery. In the company of two experienced antiques experts, James Braxton and Mark Stacey, the foursome travelled around Devon and Somerset for two days purchasing antiques.

They all came to the Lawrences saleroom in Crewkerne to see how their judgments had paid off when the lots were offered to a packed room of the usual eager dealers and collectors.

Under the hammer, there was a surprising variety on offer. The teams had bought some eye-catching pieces, including an ash bench, a 1950s seesaw head modelled as a cockerel, some commemorative silver coins, two vintage wooden stepladders and a tiny carved wood model of a seated bear.

More unusual lots included an assortment that contained tribal spears and a hockey stick, a curious rustic pottery jug modelled as a green owl and a rare Arcadian crestedware model of a nurse attending to a soldier.

Lawrences' managing director Helen Charles said: "We must remain tightlipped about how well the teams performed. All will be revealed when the programme is shown on BBC2 later in the year."

"Suffice to say there were many joyful surprises and a very few slight disappointments but one item made almost 20 times its purchase price."

"Of course, it was a pleasure to welcome Phil and Fern to Lawrences. They really entered into the spirit of the occasion and, as the proceeds will all go to Children in Need, we didn't object to the participants all cheering loudly when they turned a profit – and there were quite a few of those!"



■ **FACING cancer head on, literally,** Alison Elwood shaved her hair off for Macmillan Cancer Support on Monday. Alison, who has been undergoing treatment for three years, said: "I am having treatment every week and I'm going to lose it anyway so I thought I would do it on my terms and raise some money at the same time. I'd love to jump out of a plane but I'm not well enough. Macmillan has been very supportive of me and my family so this is a way of giving something back. Hopefully I will have raised about £500. I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils and staff of Merriott First School and Maiden Beech Academy and all my friends and family who have sponsored me." Barber Becky Self in the George Shopping Precinct, did the honours. They are pictured above with family and supporters.

Inner Wheel ladies mark 50 years

CREWKERNE Inner Wheel Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of their formation with a special dinner held at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster on Sunday.

Two tables of memorabilia and scrap books had been laid out at the side of the ballroom for everyone to reminisce over the many years of companionship and fundraising achieved by the ladies.

Guests included Inner Wheel district chairman Lyn Harrison and outgoing Crewkerne Rotary Club president Derek Phoenix. After dinner, the guest speaker

was Pauline Alvis who spoke about her year as the wife of the High Sheriff.

Inner Wheel is an international organisation which draws its membership from the female relatives of Rotarians and has the motto "Friendship and Service".

Whilst helping those less fortunate than themselves and raising money for charities, members also enjoy social events, theatre trips, skittles, handicrafts and cookery.

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Original take on Lewis Carroll classic

By Marion Draper

ILMINSTER Entertainment Society Youth Theatre recently presented a fun and colourful version of the children's classic Alice in Wonderland.

Alice was an original script written by Sonya Young and her father Duncan Shaw and first performed by Ilminster Youth Theatre 25-years-ago.

Based on the books of Lewis Carroll, with the help of Tarquin Shaw-Young, the story was modernised and even had some entirely new characters.

There were several chances for audience participation, with children being brought on stage to take part in the backwards racing and to return the White Rabbit's handkerchief for a reward.

The costumes and backdrop were very colourful and in parts quite ingenious and the young actors were enjoying their quirky characters, in particular the dormouse who took off on a totally mad dancing spree before returning to the teapot for a snooze.

The addition of Lewis Carroll as a narrator was a nice touch and was clearly spoken.

Alice was a charming

and quite traditional portrayal and there were still many of the familiar characters to recognise.

All three groups of the youth theatre came together for this first full youth theatre production and the 49 children involved were aged six to 16.

It was an ambitious project one which the youngsters had obviously worked very hard and had great fun performing.

There was plenty of singing as well as ballet and tap routines choreographed by Kim Tulloch of the Levels Dance School, and live music courtesy of Ruth Moran.

It was a lively performance and a great family show.



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■ SO LATE: The White Rabbit



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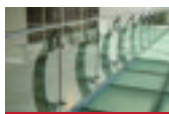
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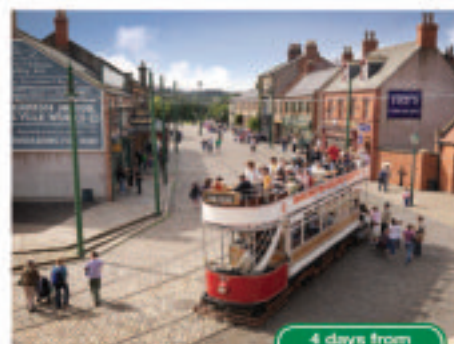
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Flying high over Greenfyld



■ **CHILDREN** and staff at Greenfyld School in Ilminster had an unusual start to school on the longest day of the year, when Tom Arnold flew over the school by paramotor. The reception class teacher, who lives at Haselbury Plucknett, had been paragliding for seven years and in May decided to try the motorised version. He had previously brought some of his equipment into class to educate his pupils about his hobby and decided to fly over the school so they could see how it worked. The whole school stood out on the playground to wait for the spectacle and children ran with excitement to vie for a closer look as Mr Arnold flew low over the buildings. Headteacher John Jeffery, who leaves at the end of term, joined in the fun and said he had known nothing of the plan.



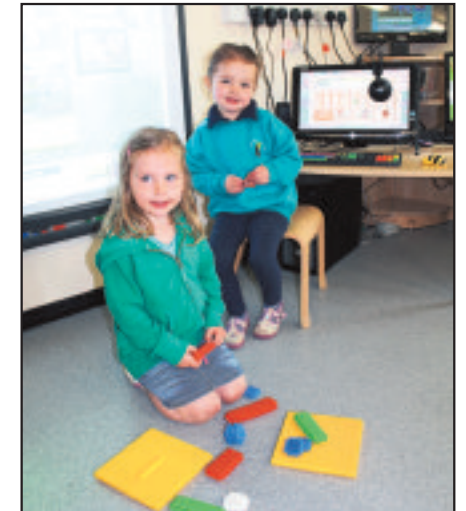
Rotarians get to grips with croquet

THE ROTARY Club of Ilminster and their partners found there was more to the game of croquet than just knocking balls through hoops when they spent an evening at Lawrence Kellet Playing Field in Dowlish Wake.

The field boasts its own purpose-made croquet lawn and the Rotarians learnt about length, weight and shaft, standard grip, Irish grip and Solomon grip before being allowed to have a go at the traditional game.

Great fun was had by all and Rotarian Deryk Outram beat off fierce contenders to gain first place. They all felt the dinner afterwards at the New Inn was well deserved.

New computers and floor at pre-school



THANKS to recent grant funding, the Sunny Ile Pre-school has a new floor and IT equipment. The Gooch Charitable Trust gave the pre-school £900 to replace the flooring in the temporary building they use in the grounds of Greenfyld School. In addition a grant of £750 from the town council has enabled them to have an interactive whiteboard, projector and associated computers. The pre-school is extremely grateful for the support they have received to improve the facilities for the children.

Ilminster news in brief...

■ ILMINSTER Town Council is currently undertaking a consultation exercise aimed at getting the views from as many people as possible of how they would like to see the Open Spaces in Ilminster used, and what facilities and equipment would be used. Completed questionnaires need to be received by the town council by July 12th 2013.

■ ILMINSTER could be facing a trip to the polls if the vacancy on the town council created by the death of Paul Whaites is contested. The deadline for nominations is today (Friday) and if there is more than one candidate an election will take place on Thursday, July 25th.

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Free school bus service is under threat....again

DISTRICT Councillor Paul Maxwell and David Laws MP are urging Somerset County Council to continue free school transport for Merriott children.

The local politicians supported parents last year when the threat of losing the service loomed, despite reports that children would face using dangerous roads if they walked to school.

The future of free school transport for Merriott children who attend schools in Crewkerne is once again to be consulted on by Somerset County Council, with potential plans to save money by charging parents from September 2013.

County hall has looked previously at free school transport as an area where potential savings could be made. In July 2011, the county council withdrew its decision to axe free transport for children from Merriott, who were due to attend schools in Crewkerne that September. This came after a new proposed walking route into Crewkerne from Merriott was scrapped following representations from Mr Laws, councillor Maxwell and local parents.

The route from Merriott to Crewkerne is just inside the three mile statutory limit for free transport, but free transport has been granted in the past as the local roads and all walking routes have previously been considered unsafe for children to walk to school.

Councillor Paul Maxwell said: "I urge parents affected by Somerset County Council's new proposals to complete the online consultation and make their views known."

"In my view, all walking routes remain unsafe for children, and David Laws and I will continue to press for free transport to be granted on a permanent basis."

The consultation on the county council's home to school transport policy is open until July 10th and can be completed online at: www.somersetconsults.org.uk/.

A copy of the full draft Home to School Transport policy document is available on request by e mail to hred@somerset.gov.uk.

Ally runs Race for Life

MISTERTON mum, Ally Sperinck, took part in Race for Life at Sherborne on Sunday, June 23rd and wanted to say well done to all the women and children that took part.

She said: "I have nearly raised £300 for Cancer Research, which is a charity close to my heart after my nan, two aunts, my mum, and my sister have all had breast cancer."

"I too had a double mastectomy at age 37 as I had pre-cancerous cells, so I am happy to raise money for a charity that maybe one day will find a cure before my daughter and niece I hope never get it."

"I had never ran a race before, even though I run to keep fit, and came in the first 20 over the finishing line out of more than 2,000 women but in my eyes all of those women and children were winners and they should be proud."

Council wins award

SOUTH Somerset District Council has won an award from the Centre for Public Scrutiny for its work in compiling the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme, introduced as part of the Central Government's Welfare Reform Bill in April 2013.

The award was given for the way in which officers and councillors worked together to introduce a local council tax reduction scheme.

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of SSDC said: "In my 14 years as a councillor I have never before experienced non-executive

members undertaking such a detailed task where the outcome had the potential to have a profound and direct effect on the lives of south Somerset residents, many of whom are already struggling with serious and growing poverty."

"The work undertaken was highly detailed, of exceptional quality and was the corner stone of the final decision made by the full council."

"This was scrutiny and policy making at its very best and I am immensely proud of the team work undertaken."



GIRL POWER: Ally Sperinck at Race for Life

Council shows support for Armed Forces Day

A SPECIAL flag was raised this week at South Somerset District Council's Brompton Way offices, in celebration of this year's national Armed Forces Day.

The ceremony marked the build up to Armed Forces Day tomorrow (Saturday, June 29th) an event that takes place every year to celebrate the UK's armed forces past, present and future.

The vice-chairman of SSDC, Ilminster councillor Carol Goodall, was joined by representatives from RNAS Yeovilton, the Somerset Army Cadet Force, Soldiers Sailors and Airmen Families, Air Training Corps and AgustaWestland, beginning a week of official celebrations across the country.

Councillor Carol Goodall said: "As an ex-member of Her Majesty's Forces, I was delighted to welcome serving personnel, cadets, veterans and members of other agencies to our flag ceremony at Brompton Way, which recognises the invaluable service and efforts of our Armed Forces."

District councillors and staff came out to show their respect for the short flag raising service.

Can Winsham beat Usain?

WINSHAM Primary School are attempting a world record on Wednesday, July 17th.

Last year the pupils and staff ran a combined marathon in three hours 21 minutes and 25 seconds and this year they are trying for the world record for the 100 metres.

They want to raise money to help improve the school playground when pupils from 10am, staff governors and volunteers will run the 100 metres. When everyone has finished, their recorded times will be added and divided by the number of competitors to give the combined average time for the school.

The current world record stands at 9.58 seconds set by Usain Bolt in 2009.

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Characters come alive at church

THOMAS the Tank Engine and a row of cockle shells greeted visitors entering the porch at Lopen Church as it was once more transformed for an early flower festival this year, featuring "Children's Fantasies" - taken from nursery rhymes, books, TV and films and interpreted by the village's flower arrangers.

Classics such as Winnie the Pooh were represented alongside more contemporary favourites, like Angelina Ballerina and The Gruffalo.

The floral designers had really gone to town with their imagination and attention to detail, giving a treat for visitors young and old, who particularly enjoyed spotting their favourites and the amusing little touches such as the can of beans at the base of the beanstalk.

One windowsill had a whole riverbank, complete with Ratty for Wind in the Willows and there was someone familiar fishing in the font. The altar had been cleverly transformed into clouds and either side were loaves and fishes. Some very hot colours gave the Jungle Book life.

Hiding away behind

the choral pews was The Secret Garden, which could only be fully viewed from the correct angle. Every corner of the church told a different story and the more visitor looked, the more they saw.

The event raised £1,122 thanks to the generous support of the public.

The creative team were: Victoria Bennett, Karen Coles and family, Mary Chapman, Elizabeth Constable, Joan Farris, Helen Kearney, Margaret Linton, Penny Little, Angela Marcham, Elizabeth McFarlane, Angela Naunton Davies, Ruby Norton, Rosemary Twitchett and Carolyn White.



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Andrew Tabor

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As a landscape contractor, I have been designing and constructing gardens and their features for 23

years; most of my work is in the West Country. Over the years my work has expanded to other areas like Oxford, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Materials used today in gardens have changed during this time, but the principles of landscaping have basically stayed the same. All work I do is undertaken to a high

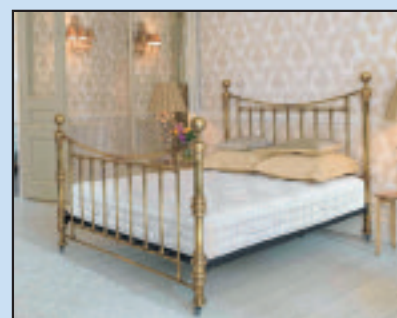
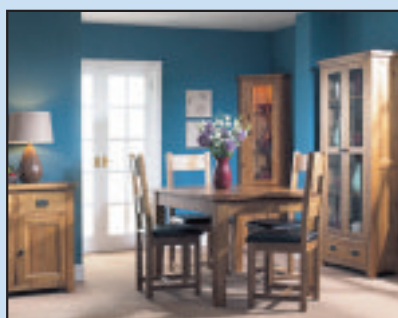
standard, developed from my experiences.

The quality of projects and personal recommendations has helped to spread my reputation therefore increasing the business, and provide a flexible service which is always in tune to what the clients wish to achieve in their garden.

My landscaping projects vary from small to large patios, herbaceous borders and designed and completed gardens. Some of my clients' projects have been on going for more than five years.

I also undertake seasonal maintenance, which is an important factor in ensuring the garden continues to look its best, and also safeguarding capital expenditure involved at the outset.

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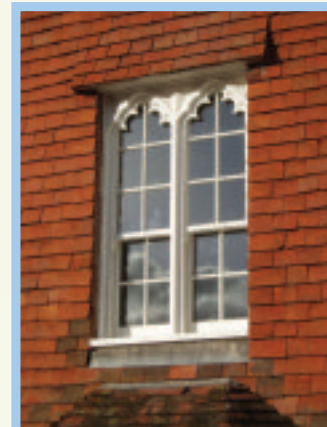
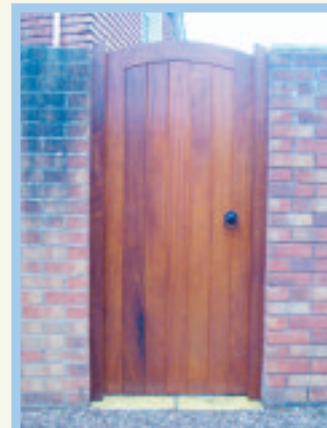
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Patrick Criddle

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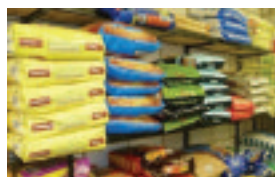
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With the tough economy at present, many people are sacrificing their holidays abroad this year and choosing British resorts instead.

Tourism is the lifeblood of this particular area and already our resorts are seeing an increasing number of visitors, especially at weekends.

If you take a look at the beauty of our seaside towns and surrounding country areas, who wants to spend several hours queuing in Terminal 5 at Heathrow airport, especially as there's every likelihood you will be separated from your luggage for ever more.

A leisurely drive down the A303 or the M5, even at peak times, is much more sensible.

The triangle that makes up East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset has some of the most spectacular scenery in the British Isles with a welcome second to none.

As part of the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage Site, we

sit on equal terms with the Taj Mahal and Grand Canyon.

And we do so with every right for when it comes to heritage we are right up there with the top tourist spots in the world.

This supplement, *Summer Holidays 2013*, is designed to show off our area to its best ...a concise record of all the best things about spending the lazy, hazy days of summer in picturesque East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset.

This is a Jurassic Triangle - and if you get lost there will always be a friendly soul to put you back on the right track again.

Summer Holidays 2013 contains dozens of ideas of how to spend your time in our company wisely, where to eat and places to visit.

There really is something for everyone - no matter what age.

From genteel cream teas in village settings, to bracing cliff top walks, or traditional family pursuits on sun kissed beaches, *Summer Holidays 2013* will point you in the right direction.

Ferne Animal Sanctuary

IN Somerset we are lucky to have a huge range of destinations for a family day out. One of the best is Ferne Animal Sanctuary.

Ferne strives to provide care and refuge for unwanted domestic and farm animals. Set in the Somerset countryside, it is a must for couples and families of all age.

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Alpha Alpacas

ALPHA Alpacas just south of Melplash, on the A3066, have decided to open their gates to the public after many years of people stopping to peer over the gates at the alpacas. The herd is one of the top herds in the UK. The Alpaca Experience is being run in conjunction with the Pymore Inn who are providing the cream teas and acting as the booking agents. The Experience will allow visitors to learn more about these fascinating creatures, who originate from high up in the Andes. They are bred for their very fine fibre, which is used to produce both knitwear and worsted cloth. Alpacas have been in the UK since Victorian times, but it is only in the last 15 years that they have been farmed commercially – there are now more alpacas in the UK than goats! Alpacas come in all colours from white through to black and during the Experience visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about alpacas and their fibre, followed by a leisurely walk around the 15 acre farm to see the 60+ alpacas on the site including Jack, who recently was crowned Supreme Champion at the British Alpaca Society National Show and



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other award winning alpacas. There are 23 cria (babies) due to be born over the coming weeks so some visitors may witness 'the miracle of birth' followed by paddocks of playful youngsters. Before enjoying a Dorset Cream Tea there will be the opportunity to take an alpaca for a walk. Alpaca products will also be on sale. To book – phone 01308 422625. Good footwear is advisable as the farm is a bio-secure area and visitors will enter across a disinfectant mat. Parking available on site.



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Dorset County Museum

THIS summer there's so much going on at Dorset County Museum. Our new family exhibition, ANIMATE!, sponsored by Pardoes Solicitors, opens on 13 July and will reveal the wonderful world of film animation over the last two centuries. Over 120 artefacts will be on display from the Bill Douglas Centre for the History of Cinema and Popular Culture at Exeter University. There will also be objects from the British Film Institute National Archive, the Ray Harryhausen Foundation and from independent local animators. The artefacts range from Victorian flick books, shadow theatres and puppets to posters, catalogues, original Disney film cells and merchandising toys.

Children can make their own animated films and participate in workshops to learn how it's done. A series of talks will provide a fascinating insight behind the scenes of famous animated films. Contact the Museum on 01305 756827 to book tickets and to find out more about these exciting family events.

During the school holidays there are Dino Club sessions on 6, 13 and 20 August especially for the under 7s. Our regular family activities also run throughout the holidays on Wednesday mornings and are always popular. Three of the sessions will take up the animation theme of the summer exhibition. All Dino Club and Family activities in 2013 are generously sponsored by Battens Solicitors and are FREE!

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great cars from around the world.

For those interested in a nostalgic trip down memory lane, the museum offers a host of familiar names such as Austin, MG, and Morris. Those who are seeking something more exotic will be pleased to find a vast array of performance cars, from modern classics such as the Dodge Viper RT10 and the Jaguar XJ220, to the more historic Jaguar E Type and AC Cobra. Also on show is a large collection of American cars, including the jewels in the crown of Haynes – the V16 Cadillac, and the multi-million-dollar Duesenberg.

For the children there is racing cars, Volkswagen campers, ice-cream vans, diggers, and even a full-size double decker bus are all waiting for youngsters to enjoy as Haynes International Motor Museum opens Haynes Motorland, a new £250,000 motor themed family entertainment zone within the grounds of the museum. Complete your visit



in the café, serving a variety of freshly made snacks and drinks all day.

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A pony morning usually runs from 10am to 1pm. Children come to the Riding Academy to learn about riding and different aspects of looking after and handling the ponies.

Children will have a riding lesson and the remaining time will be spent doing hands on activities and games to learn about stable management and riding theory in a small group. There are a limited number of places on each morning to ensure quality of tuition and sufficient attention for each participant.

Our pony mornings are fully supervised and educational; the children are being taught as they take part.

What types of activities are there on a Pony Morning?

The mornings give children hands on experience of ponies, where they get the opportunity to ride and take part in activities such as:

- Grooming the ponies, picking out their feet and learning about the different brushes.
- Catching and leading the ponies in from the fields.
- Tacking up and learning about different tack and equipment.

- Bathing the ponies (when its warm enough!) and learning to plait their manes and tails.
- Feeding, watering and mucking out.
- Riding a dressage test, around obstacle courses and practicing handy pony skills.
- Games, competitions and treasure hunts.

Parents do not need to stay with their child during the pony morning. As long as your child is happy to be left with us then they can take part.

Pony mornings make an ideal gift. We have welcomed many children for a holiday treat or if mum and dad just want a few hours peace and quiet!

The cost is £32 per child and includes hat hire, if required. Each child goes home with a rosette and workbook.

Pony mornings are a great way to get children exercising in the fresh air with other like minded children. We have seen many friendships develop at our pony mornings.

All levels of experience are welcome as groups are split if required.

Riding clothes are not needed, we provide hats and we are happy to advise you of the most suitable clothing.

For information or to book a place contact Natalie on 01297 553280 or 07771 903220

To enter the competition please send a postcard with your name, address, telephone number and email address on to Pony Morning Competition, DD&S Series of Newspapers Ltd, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3DB

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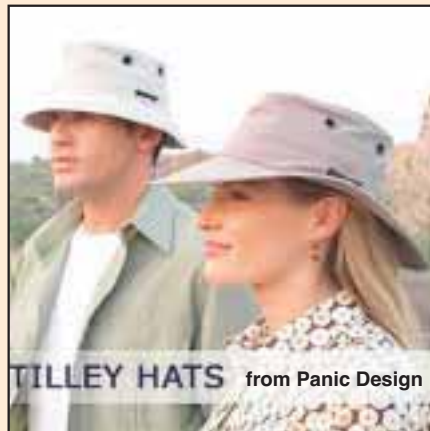
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Dinosaur Train on track for Seaton Tramway

DINOSAUR Train™ is on track for great success this summer in the UK – this is an exciting new animated series from The Jim Henson Company, creators of the Muppets and Sesame Street and one of the biggest shows on Nick-leodeon's Nick Jr. From 26th July kids will have the opportunity to ride on the Dinosaur Train™ for the first time in the UK at the ever popular Seaton Tramway in Devon.

Visitors will get to meet Buddy, the loveable and curious T-Rex, Laura the Gigantosaurus, Quincy the Quetzal-coatlus, Carla the Shark, Ned the Brachiosaurus and Mr Conductor, the Troodon, and celebrate the fascination that children have with dinosaurs and trains!

The adventure will begin at Seaton where a double-deck tram (enclosed

trams are used if it's raining) will take you to the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area at Colyton Station. Along the way there will be lots of music and stories from the hit show and kids will receive their Nature Trackers' Club Guidebook filled with fun-packed activities! There will also be plenty of wildlife to see as the tram passes through two nature reserves on the Axe Estuary.

At the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area, there will be a Dinosaur Dig, Fossil Excavation site, Dino Footprint Tracking, Dinosaur Activity area with loads of dinosaur exhibits to touch and draw, temporary tattoos and a bouncy castle! You'll also be able to purchase a Buddy's favourite Jumbo Jurassic Burger or Mr Conductor's Troodon Hot Dog plus many other

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The Pymore Inn

THE Pymore Inn is a Georgian country house which was converted to a pub back in the 1950's situated in rural West Dorset, located 1 mile north of Bridport just off the A3066 Bridport to Beaminster road and is run by Barry and his wife Irene.

A traditional hamlet pub and free house that offers a range of cask ales, draught lagers and ciders listed in the Good Beer Guide, and a range of New world wines supported with a classic food menu. The menu includes some established home made pub favourites such as Steak & Ale pie, as well

as some well loved specials which have become real favourites including Cajun Chicken, and Pork Medallions in Sage, Honey Cider and cream sauce.

All the fresh meat and fish is sourced from local suppliers.

Wednesday and Thursdays we offer a senior citizens lunch with two courses for £10.00 from a special menu, and throughout July and August we are running a Summer Dining promotion with two main courses for £15.00, lunch and dinner, Tuesday to Friday only, also from a special menu.

Sunday lunches are also of-



fered with a choice of at least two roast meats and a selection of other dishes for you to choose from.

At The Pymore as well as the main bar there is a dining room, which is ideal for a family get together, dinner party, a social lunchtime, or night out with friends.

The Pymore has plenty of car parking spaces, and has a great lawned, enclosed walled garden, so enjoy a refreshing drink and watch the sun go

down.

Our next planned event is on Sunday 28th July when we shall be holding a family garden party and fete, a fun afternoon for all, finishing in the evening with a disco, with hot food available too.

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From traditional Sunday lunches to a full English breakfast kick-starting your day; The Harbour Inn boasts a range of delicious treats. There is lots to choose from with the menu divided into themes from a New York 'on the

streets' theme inspired by a recent trip to the city, to a 'From the sea' and 'From the Land' section and 'two for one' deals to little nibbles, garden treats and sharing boards.

Inspired by their recent trip to the Big Apple; its now possible to dine out on some of the New York specials that have earned a worldwide reputation, including the classic New York chilli dog, New York sliders, pulled pork shoulder and the Juicy Lucy burger (price range £7.50 to £11.)

For those looking for a snack during the day (12 noon to 6 pm) a sandwich in a bag (tuna bagel cheese melt, ham, cream cheese and tomato and the classic BLT) can be purchased for £4.

Naughty treats' are also playing a big role, with a brand new sweets menu, packed full of retro desserts such as chocolate brownie with all the trimmings, complete with chocolate milkshake which comes in a miniature glass milk bottle with a straw; toffee apple Eton mess and peach melba knickerbocker glory.

The pub's new 'Breakfast Club' also hopes to welcome people to enjoy a full English breakfast, seven days a week, from 9am until 11.30am.

The cosy thatched pub on Church Street is known for its traditional feel, black beams and period features and has now been enhanced with new heritage colour schemes, a light, fresh and airy feel and a state of the art kitchen.

Whilst areas have been stripped out, panelled and carpeted, the traditional features such as the open fires and original beams remain in tact, giving the pub a much-needed rejuvenation and a modern twist.

The bar has been completely relocated, doubling the size of the room as you enter, and a relaxed style has been implemented with a mixture of new bespoke table and chairs for dining to comfortable zones for visitors who just want a coffee and a biscuit.

Adding to the different zones in the pub, a new 'Captains Room' is available to hire and has been created for parties, meetings and functions, with a giant specially created table set to seat twenty people; whilst you can be sure that if you're celebrating a birthday, a free bottle of bubbly will be on the table.

Quirky props such as golden clad mirrors, paddles round every corner reflecting the pub's new logo and a typewriter to hold on to the menus are also set to bring the pub alive.

The couple have always had a flair for interior design and an eye for special touches, with



their company, G&T Interiors influencing much of the new design for the Harbour Inn. The company is set to have a small outlet at the pub, selling one off quirky pieces and items inspired by the couple's travels during expeditions abroad.

Owner, Gary Valentine said: "Toni and I welcome all to enjoy their visit to the Harbour at Axmouth and we look forward to showing more of the community what we have to offer. "We have worked hard to ensure the vision can keep every bit of the pub's character and enhance its 12th century features, whilst giving it a contemporary new look.

"We have tried to make sure that there is something for everyone, from our Captains Room for parties and meetings, to our relaxed zone and dining area and a dog friendly bar.

"We have also created our own wedding

package for just £999 where we have a complete plan including a three course wedding breakfast for up to fifty people for couples who want the perfect day without spending thousands of pounds.

"We are particularly excited about our new menu which we feel has something for all kinds of customers, and are looking forward particularly to implementing our new New York inspired section in tribute to our visit there.

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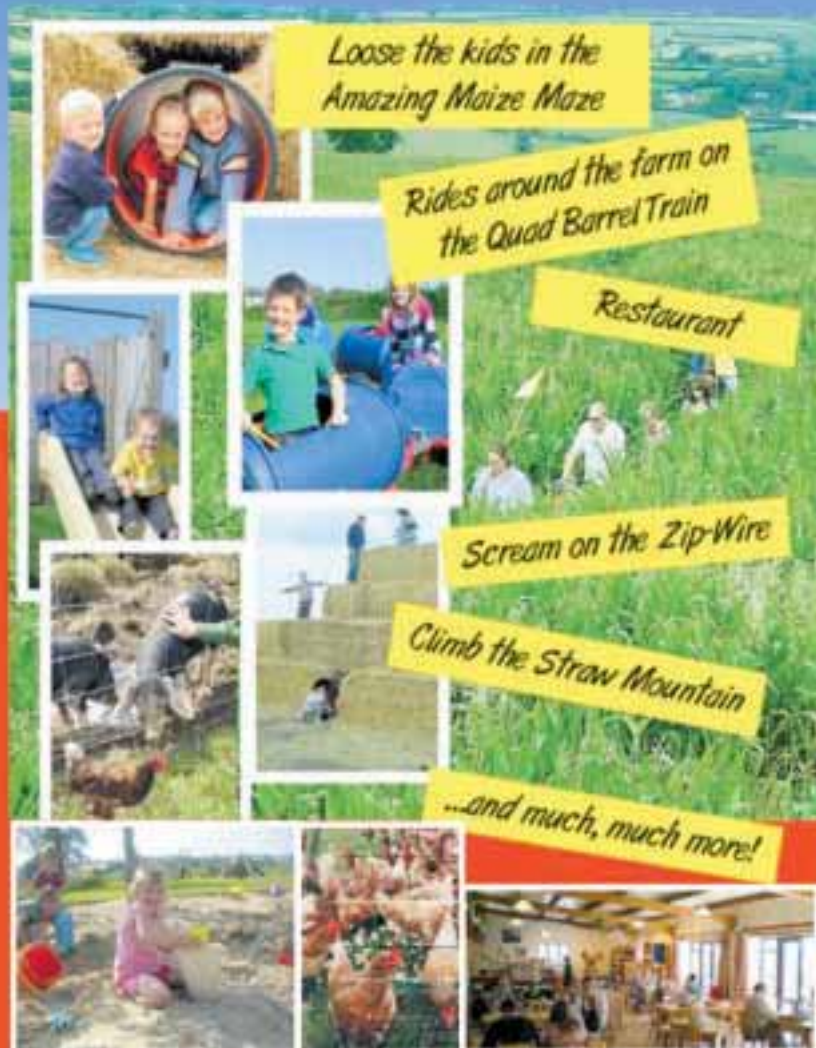
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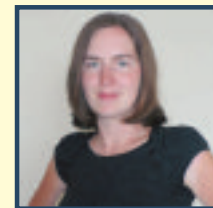


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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge



CALLING all creative photographers! Don't miss your chance to enter our first ever **Photography Open** - generously sponsored by **Lentells Chartered Accountants** and **Bilbys Coffee Shop**. The deadline for entries is 8th July, so get in touch now if you would like to submit work. The exhibition takes place from 16th July - 3rd August. All are welcome to come along to the prize-giving on 15th and meet the photographers whose work has been selected (5.30pm - 7pm).

This Saturday (29th June) take a last look at our current exhibition **Physicality and Metaphysical Expressions** before a new exhibition begins. **Journeys**, opens on 2nd, and features three artists who explore the title theme through a variety of materials. Deborah Robinson creates paintings, etchings and sculptures inspired by ancient and nature-based spirituality, David Robinson creates photographic prints, mixed media pieces and 3D installations influenced by ancient spirituality and the inter-relatedness of mankind and nature, Penny Gollidge uses acrylics and oils to paint a wide variety of realistic and fantasy artwork. The journeys continue until 13th.

Hear the music and tales of music legends including John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, Chuck Berry and many more at an evening dedicated to **The Blues Legends** on the 5th. Multi-award winners Bob Hall and Dave Peabody have been singing and playing together on piano, guitar, mandolin and harmonica for nearly fifty years and more recently with Hilary Blythe on bass. They have played with a host of world-renowned names and have a wealth of poignant, amusing and funny

stories to tell in what looks set to be an unforgettable evening's entertainment.

Concerts in the West present **Benjamin Gregor-Smith** (cello) and **Aglaia Graf** (piano) on 12th. For a full programme see www.concertsinthewest.org.

Widely regarded as one of the best post-bebop alto saxophonists in the world **Greg Abate** will be performing on 19th with The Craig Milverton Trio.

Maiastra return on 27th with a concert featuring music by Haydn, Shostakovich, and Elgar performed by top-flight young musicians led by Arisa Fujita.

We welcome back local author Michael Strong who will be signing copies of his latest book **Steiner's War: The Merville Battery** on 24th (10am - 12noon).

Make a date with our monthly **Local Craft and Produce Market** on 6th, and **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 20th.

Try one of our many creative workshops from **Clay, Watercolours, Readers' Group, Knit Tog, and Rag Rugs to Quilting, Felt Making and Crazy Patchwork**. There's a **Free Rush Hat Demonstration** too. Ask about our **Children's Summer Holiday Activities** which start this month and are expected to be popular so book now to avoid disappointment.

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The annual charity Summer Fair on July 25th is sure to be another fun day out for all the family.

The award-winning 30 acre gardens surround the house which has treasures of its own, not least the magnificent Mortlake tapestries. There is a gift shop, pottery exhibition, and plant centre, together with a children's trail around the gardens.

With events all year round, there is always something to see or do at Forde Abbey.

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THE next Local Craft and Produce Market at Ilminster Arts Centre will take place on Saturday, July 6th, from 9.30am-2pm. Admission is free to buyers.

The markets at Ilminster Arts Centre are a great way to support local craft makers and food producers, and are a good place to find an unusual gift.

Stalls vary each month but can include jewellery, pottery, woodcraft, home furnishings, cards and plants, meat, bread, cakes, preserves and chutneys.

On Saturdays the galleries and Craft Shop are open 9.30am-2.30pm and the Café and garden 9.30am-2pm, making Ilminster Arts Centre the perfect place to relax and enjoy a leisurely Saturday.

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THE Wessex Beardsmen from the will be hosting a Beard and Moustache Competition in aid of Make-A-Wish Foundation UK, the charity that grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

The Beard and Moustache Competition is taking place on Saturday July 13th and is open to everyone, with nine categories;

- Full Beard Natural
- Business-Class Beard
- Partial Beard
- Musketeer Beard
- Natural Moustache
- Styled Moustache
- Freestyle Beard / Moustache

There will also be separate categories for Ladies' and Children's hand-made False Beards and Moustaches.

Contestant Pre-registration can be made on online now, or on the day between Noon and 1pm. The Competition starts at 2pm.

The Competition will be held at 94 Club, 94 Middle Street, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1LT. Competitor tickets are £7.50, Spectators £5.00 and Children admitted Free.

To get in touch, register to compete or buy spectator tickets, go to - www.wessexbeardsmen.org

Founder of The Wessex Beardsmen - Andy Teague's daughter was diagnosed with Leukaemia at the age of 8, in 2011. The group

chose Make-A-Wish as the charity to benefit from the first Beard and Moustache Competition after they sent her to Paris in the Summer of 2012.

For more information, please contact Andy Teague on 01460 220676, 07946 395517 or by email vs1400@btinternet.com

There are currently 20,000 children and young people in the UK fighting a life-threatening condition and this year Make-A-Wish will grant over 1,100 wishes. If you would like to help raise funds or would simply like to find out more about Make-A-Wish call them on 01276 40 50 60 or visit www.make-a-wish.org.uk.



Members of the Wessex Beardsmen
Photo by Bertrand Vessier (www.bertsphotography.co.uk)

TAUNTON THESPIANS HEAD TO DILLINGTON HOUSE NEXT WEEK

TAUNTON Thespians are on the road again from the 25th of June, travelling to the four corners of Somerset with their production of Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor. Whether you're in Axbridge or Ilminster, Minehead or Wellington, there'll be a chance to see this glo-



rious English comedy in all its Elizabethan splendour.

The play revolves around the efforts of Sir John Falstaff (Maat Ward) to have his wicked way with Mistress Ford (Alison Haines) and her friend Mistress Page (Nicola Dawson) - or at the very least to get his hands on their husbands' cash! The ladies have other ideas, however, and lead him a very merry dance indeed, with Master Ford (Mike Leach) being the unwitting instrument of their mischief making and Falstaff suffering the indignity of hiding in a basket of filthy laundry and being dumped in the Thames.

Pictured are Nicola Dawson, Maat Ward and Alison Haines trying basket and costumes for size. If you want to catch the show, The Tour heads to Dillington House, near Ilminster on July 5th.

Advance tickets cost £10 (full), £3 (kids/students/unwaged) £1 extra on the door. Performances starts at 7.30pm nightly, Venues open from 6pm for picnics

Top Abba tribute set to make Squirrel Inn's Picnic in the Park a 'Gold' event

THE Squirrel Inn is located in the small hamlet of Laymore on the West Dorset and South Somerset border. The Inn boasts a fantastic beer garden, which has fantastic views of the countryside and a large children's play area. There is a large function room and restaurant, with room for 90 people seated or 150 for a buffet; it's the ideal location for your private function, wedding or party. Or if you are having a party and have a licensed venue, but need a bar, they are fully licensed for outside bars, just phone the Inn for more details.

The Squirrel Inn also has a lovely open log fire, which helps to create a cosy atmosphere on the colder

nights, and with a choice of real ales always available it's a great place for a relaxed drink. You can find great value for money as well, not least on Wednesdays and Sundays. Wednesday night is steak night, with two rump steaks for £12, and there is a carvery on Sunday with a choice of two meats with all the trimmings for just £7.

There are regular events held throughout the year at the Inn, including live music on a number of Saturdays, and the next charity bingo night planned for September 14th.

The biggest event on the horizon is undoubtedly the Picnic in the Park, and Real Ale festival, on Saturday

10th August, with live music from the magnificent ABBA Gold! With 11 real ales, numerous ciders, a BBQ, and the band playing on an outdoor stage, it promises to be a great day. There is free car parking and camping available, and tickets are just £10 in advance. Tickets can be purchased either from the Squirrel Inn - 01460 30298 - or from Ron Bicknell on 01297 34621, who is also happy to supply a map for those that aren't sure how to get there. ABBA Gold are renowned as the best ABBA tribute act around, having appeared on the BBC, and played Wembley Stadium, so this truly is an event not to be missed!

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BEFORE I look back at the month of June at The David Hall I would like to say a few things about the 2nd Petherton Folk Fest which takes place at South Petherton on Saturday (29th June).

The day will start at 10am with a procession from the Methodist Hall into Market Square where the opening ceremony will take place and be followed by a full day of music and dance. There will also be many stalls as well as free performances in The David Hall, the Parish Church and The Brewer's Arms pub. A printed programme, with a full timetable of events, will be available on the day. Or, check the website - www.pethertonfolkfest.org.uk

We have also arranged several children's events, such as storytelling and face painting, and a number of workshops - including a children's music workshop - for all ages. There are plenty of food outlets so we hope visitors will make a full day of it.

The Folk Fest will end with two gigs at 9pm. One will be in The Brewer's Arms and feature local band, Bag of Rats, in a free event. The second is a ticketed concert at the David Hall featuring one of Folk music's finest artistes - the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner, Chris Wood.

I hope you will support Petherton Folk Fest - and we're all hoping for fine weather!

To get you in the mood, there is a free ceilidh at The Brewer's Arms at 7.30pm today (Friday 28th June) with music provided by the excellent Teasing the Cat and Will Antell as caller.

Pete Wheeler's Review of June at The David Hall

THE month started with a wonderful concert on the 1st June featuring John Tams and Barry Coope before a nearly full house. This event was particularly special as they performed much of the material written by John for the stage version of the widely-acclaimed West End hit, War Horse. An evening that will be long remembered!

On Friday 7th, the Irish singer/songwriter Kieran Goss totally charmed all who attended. Kieran's really warm manner and style ensured this was another of those gigs which we hope to repeat some time soon.

On Saturday 15th, the Canadian band, Ritchie-Parrish-Ritchie, gave a fantastic performance which included a mix of new songs and material from their days in the ever-popular band, Tanglefoot. They are without doubt unique as they have your foot tapping one minute and reaching for the tissues the next. They will be back!

At the time of writing this I am really looking forward to Thursday 27th June when we welcome the legendary Blues artist, Wizz Jones, who is also visiting for the first time. With a CV spanning 50 years, Wizz will, without doubt, provide a memorable evening

Pete Wheeler's Preview of July at The David Hall

JULY is a quiet month for gigs in The David Hall but on Friday 5th, one of Folk's fastest rising young stars - Ewan McLennan - will be performing. A mix of traditional songs together with really memorable self-penned material benefit from Ewan's beautiful voice and stunning guitar playing.

On Friday 19th July, we have a concert under the heading of Sublime Folk featuring the totally unique local banjo player, Stompin' Dave Allen, as well as Belfast's Maurice Dickson and the fantastic pipe and whistle player, Catherine Ashcroft. A night of varied but top-quality music is guaranteed.

It is great news that we are able to provide such a full programme of events in what is sometimes known as a "sleepy" part of Somerset!

See you in Petherton! - and thanks for your support! All the very best.

Pete Wheeler of Petherton Arts Trust

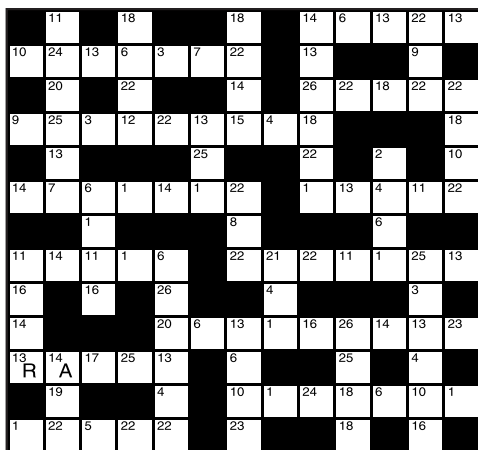
◆ **For further details of these gigs, as well as other events at The David Hall throughout July - including film screenings by Petherton Picture Show and our ever-popular Coffee Morning on Wednesday 31st - please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk or, call 01460 240 340 for a programme.**

Brain Gym

No.227

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	X	B	M	R	W	I	S	K	Z	G	E	P	O
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

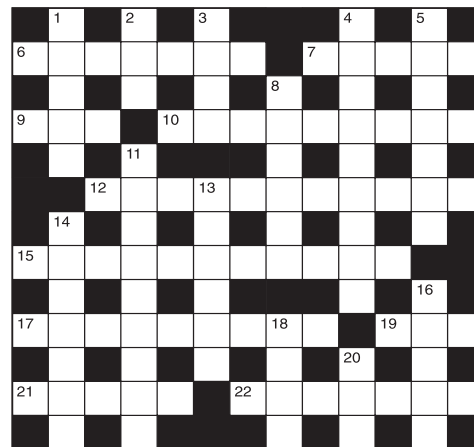
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Everybody was in debt - it's not forbidden (7)
7. Timber needed for shafts (5)
9. A New York word (3)
10. The right alternative for the proof-reader (9)
12. I made orders for desert transport (11)
15. Venus is no matinee idol, apparently! (7-4)
17. Slightly injured - withdrawn from the team (9)
19. Aim in a given direction (3)
21. Monetary securities producing personal restrictions (5)
22. I strive to make another call (7)

Down

1. Cast used for supporting a weak member (5)
2. This sly creature is a loud bellower (3)
3. Money needed to settle the account, we hear, in this way (4)
4. Inconstant, like a planet (9)
5. I'm ready for the picture to be put on (7)
8. Wedding belles (6)
11. They certainly couldn't be accused of having too little spirit! (9)
13. A stick-up with me around constitutes a threat (6)
14. One who ousts the Eastern conqueror (7)
16. Point at which metal-workers strike (5)
18. Poetic end to the day is calm and unruffled (4)
20. Short writing can be illuminated (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

6. Liberty (7)
7. Lid (5)
9. Insane (3)
10. Impromptu (9)
12. Essay (11)
15. Cheeky (11)
17. Deeply shocked (9)
19. In favour of (3)
21. Scatter (5)
22. Attack (7)

Down

1. Handle (5)
2. Determined (3)
3. Trick (4)
4. Fit (9)
5. Censure (7)
8. Diminish (6)
11. Alien (9)
13. Glib talk (6)
14. Copy (7)
16. Earth (5)
18. Otherwise (4)
20. Hiatus (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Spine-chilling; 8 Trousers; 9 Duty; 10 Stayed; 12 Easter; 14 Edison; 16 Temple; 18 Spar; 20 Trailers; 22 Distinguished. Down: 1 Spirited; 2 Injury; 3 Acre; 4 Misspent; 5 Blades; 6 Knot; 7 Donating; 13 Enlarged; 15 Struts; 17 Molest; 19 Pair; 21 Arm. QUICK - Across: 7 United Kingdom; 8 Retiree; 9 Able; 10 Gentle; 12 Action; 14 Street; 16 Tested; 18 Goad; 20 Entrance; 22 Salvation Army. Down: 1 Interest; 2 Strict; 3 Idle; 4 Distract; 5 Aghast; 6 Toil; 11 Entreaty; 13 Overcome; 15 Endive; 17 Seaman; 19 Oral; 21 Trot.

Good Night Ring

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AT THE MEETING HOUSE




Photographic Open Exhibition

TUESDAY 16TH JULY - SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

ILMINSTER Arts Centre is calling all photographers to submit work for its first ever open exhibition dedicated solely to photography. The exhibition is open to any professional or non-professional artist photographer who works creatively with the medium.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Lentells Chartered Accountants (Chard) there is a top prize of £500 up for grabs, awarded to the overall winner which will be judged by a well-known Somerset photographer.

There is also a Visitors Choice Award generously sponsored by Bilbys Coffee Shop (Ilminster and Crewkerne) which will be given to the 2 favourite pieces of work as voted for by visitors. The winners of which will be announced at the end of the exhibition.

As part of their prize, all three winners will be given a joint exhibition at Ilminster Arts Centre during December 2013.

The Photographic Open Exhibition runs from Tuesday, July 16th to Saturday, August 3rd, and will be

open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am - 2.30pm. Admissions is free.

A Meet the artists session, and prize awarding, will take place on Monday, July 15th from 5.30pm to 7pm.

Deadline for entries (forms and payment) is Monday, July 8th.

Entry forms are available from Ilminster Arts Centre. For more information please call: 01460 55783 or email info@themeetinghouse.org.uk.

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Deadline for entries (forms and payment): Monday 8th July

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH & SATURDAY JUNE 29TH

CHARD: CLOKS (Chard Local Kids Society for Music and Drama) presents YE-HA and OKLAHOMA! at the Guildhall, Chard. Daily at 7.30pm and 2.30pm on Saturday 29th. Tickets available from Barrons, Holyrood St, Chard from 3rd June. ALL TICKETS £5. For more details visit www.cloks.co.uk

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH

TATWORTH: Film: Arbitrage (cert 15) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, film from 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday 9-11am at Henhayes Centre.

CREWKERNE: St Bartholomew's C of E First School Summer Fete at St Bartholomew's School, Kithill, from 6-8pm. 50p entry for adults, children free. This year the theme is 'Shorts and Shades'. There will be lots of great stalls, a BBQ, beer tent, bouncy castle, cakes, ice creams, a grand draw with a Henry Vacuum cleaner as the first prize and much more. Organized by the Friends of St Bartholomew's First School (FSA).

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm-4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits. All welcome, for more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Machine Embroidery Open Day June 28th at the village hall 10-3pm. Come and see some of the work by the group who meet to learn various sewing techniques with Lynn Hornblow. Coffee and cake available.

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH

WOOLMINSTONE: Annual Hewish Church walk & tea (in aid of Bible Society funds), 2.30pm – start & finish at Woolcott, Woolminstone. All welcome; donations gratefully received. Further details from 01460 74849.

ILMINSTER: Armed Forces Day Band Concert by the HMS Heron Volunteer Band in The Minster Church, Silver Street, Ilminster at 7.30pm. Military, classical and popular music with some community singing. Proceeds to go to The Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre, which provides sport and adventurous activities for seriously injured Service men and women. Tickets £15 to include interval glass of wine or soft drink and canapés and available from Lanes Garden Shop, Silver Street, Ilminster or phone 01460 575674. For more details visit www.britishtlegion.org.uk/branches/ilminster/news-events.

CREWKERNE: Summer Party at the Toy Library, Speedwell House, Abbey Street. Bouncy castle, face painting, lots of new toys to play with.

CREWKERNE: 100 Club Draw and Breakfast/Brunch from £4 between 10am and 12noon.

MERRIOTT: Vinyl night – the vinyl countdown at Merriott Social Club. Bring your old vinyl records and have "jumpy & scratchy" play them for a £1 donation. Members and non members welcome. Proceeds in aid of the clubs refurbishments. Call 01460 74376 for more details.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE: Street Fayre from 12-4pm in the High Street. Many stalls and interest for all ages.

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH & SUNDAY JUNE 30TH

CHARD: 2nd Company of Chard Girl's Brigade are celebrating 120 years of the organisation with a themed flower festival in the Methodist church, plus photographs and memorabilia. Open 10am-5pm Sat 2-5pm Sun. Refreshments will be available.

MONDAY JULY 1ST

CREWKERNE: Knit and Natter at Crewkerne Library 10am-12noon. Every Monday. Bring along current project and indulge in your hobby with like minded individuals. All ages welcome.

TUESDAY JULY 2ND

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they, like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time? If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be. Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £6.50 (including a session charge). Transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY JULY 3RD

BARRINGTON: Rubber Bridge Club. 7 - 10 pm Village Hall Mixed abilities, friendly group, come with or without a partner or ring 01460 53234. £1.50 pw.

CLAPTON: Sew, Knit & Natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10.30am. All welcome, details 01460 72837.

CREWKERNE: Bingo - cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

FRIDAY JULY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday 9-11am at Henhayes Centre.

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FRIDAY JULY 5TH & SATURDAY JULY 6TH

TATWORTH: Summer Show with Songs from Musicals and Film at Tatworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm each night. Tickets on the door. Adults £5, concessions £4.

SATURDAY JULY 6TH

BARRINGTON: Flower Festival in the Church and Village Open Day with stalls, entertainment, displays, variety of meals and refreshments. Open from 10 to 4pm. No entrance fee. Band, Morris Dancers, Shire Horses, Classic Cars and Victorian Bicycles, and Bouncy Castle. A family day out with lots of interest for all. Enquiries to David Watson, 01460 52965.

CHARD: Popular Fayre in the Guildhall from 9am-12.30pm. Cafe open serving light snacks and drinks.

MISTERTON: New to you sale at Misterton Village Hall from 12-2pm. Proceeds in aid of misterton baby & toddler group. Refreshments available. Tables £5, call Lorraine on 07885424588 for details or to book a table.

SUNDAY JULY 7TH

BARRINGTON: Flower Festival continues in Church, Open Gardens in the village from 1.30pm, Bellringers at 5pm, Songs of Praise 6pm. Enquiries to David Watson, 01460 52965.

DILLINGTON ESTATE, NEAR ILMINSTER: Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Dillington Estate. In aid of NSPCC, Cancer Research and Somerset Disabled Cricket Club. £100 first prize, £50 second prize, £30 third prize. Prizes for highest women and under 18s scores. 10am start, last entry 3pm. 70 Sporting Clays - £20 first round (£15 thereafter). Refreshments and hot food available. Call 07432 614396 or 07769 553200 for more details.

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club Open Day from 2-4pm. All welcome. Activities will include: Fastest Serve Competition, Beat the Pro, Mini Tennis (for younger children), Refreshments, rr just come along to hit some balls. You don't need a racket – we can lend you one. For more details visit www.mistertontenns.co.uk or call 01460 74368.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Third annual fundraising Dog Show and Family Fete 11am-1pm at St George's Hall. Raising funds for St George's Pre-School. There are 10 fun classes £2 entry per class and every entrant is eligible for best overall champion, registration is at 11. Some great prizes for the winners have been donated by James Well-beloved and Paws Petshop in Ilminster and South Petherton. There is also stalls, dog photo studio, face painting, bouncy castle, refreshments and lots of traditional fete games. For more details call 01460 73033.

MONDAY JULY 8TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm In aid of diabetes charity. Donations welcome. Telephone 01460 74994 for more details.

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WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo - cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY JULY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and cost £3 for non members.

FRIDAY JULY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday 9-11am at Henhayes Centre.

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CLAPTON: Lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, please book in advance by calling 01460 77057.

ILMINSTER: Cygnet Pre-School holding a Ladies Clothes and Pamper Evening at Swanmead School, Hall from 7.30pm. The event will be free to enter and will have good quality second hand ladies clothes for sale as well as a variety of stalls. All funds raised are to go towards the Pre school's new building fund. If you would like to sell your unwanted ladies clothes, bags, shoes and accessories then please contact Win on winb@hotmail.com for more information and to register as a seller.

SATURDAY JULY 13TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the Stix presents 'Lincoln' (cert 12A) in the village hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the village shop, Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01460 72906.

Cinema

This week's new releases

The Minions are back in Despicable Me 2



DESPICABLE ME 2 ^U

GRU is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal.

Voices from Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Ken Heong and Russell Brand

THIS IS THE END ¹⁵

WHILE attending a party at James Franco's house, Seth Rogen, Jay Baruchel and many other celebrities are faced with the apocalypse.

Also stars Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Emma Watson and Rihanna

STAND UP GUYS ¹⁵

A PAIR of aging stickup men try to get the old gang back together for one last hurrah before one of the guys takes his last assignment - to kill his comrade.

Crime comedy stars Al Pacino, Christopher Walken and Alan Arkin

HUMMINGBIRD ¹⁵

HOMELESS and on the run from a military court martial, a damaged ex-special forces soldier navigating London's criminal underworld seizes an opportunity to assume another man's identity - transforming into an avenging angel in the process.

Action thriller starring Jason Statham, Senem Temiz and Vicky McClure.

THE EAST ^{12A}

AN operative for an elite private intelligence firm finds her priorities changing dramatically after she is tasked with infiltrating an anarchist group known for executing covert attacks upon major corporations.

Stars Brit Marling Alexander Skarsgard and Ellen Page.

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9am - 12.30pm
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Saturday 6th July
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

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Friday, June 28th - Thursday, July 4th

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World War Z ¹⁵

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Man Of Steel ^{12A}

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Despicable Me 2 ^U

Fri, Tue: 12.30, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 16.00, 16.45, 17.30, 18.30, 20.00, 21.00
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.50, 12.30, 13.00, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 16.00, 16.45, 17.30, 18.30, 20.00, 21.00

Epic (2D) ^U

Sat & Sun: 11.00am

Hummingbird ¹⁵

Fri-Tue: 21.15, Wed & Thu: 20.00

Man Of Steel (2D) ^{12A}

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Thu: 17.30

Man Of Steel (3D) ^{12A}

Fri-Tue: 14.20, 17.30, 20.40

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Now You See Me ^{12A}

Wed & Thu: 12.20, 15.00, 17.45, 20.20

The Internship ^{12A}

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Mon: 17.10, 20.00

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Mon: 17.10, 20.00

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedi.co.uk

Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

Ask the estate agent!

I have been asked several questions this week that I thought would be worthy of sharing.

Q1: My daughters deposit was with an agent who went bust. She has moved out of her flat and the new agent managing the property says they don't have it. What can I do?

A: Agents should protect deposits. To illustrate this all my deposits are held in the government back Deposit Protection Service. The landlord cannot access that money without the tenants agreement and vice versa. If the landlord and tenant do not agree on the value of any damage there is an arbitration scheme which will determine the answer. This is very safe and very simple. What must be remembered is that until the time the landlord can prove something like damage beyond fair wear and tear, then that deposit legally belongs to the tenant.

Coming then back to the question, the person who held the deposit was the agent. The person who owned the deposit was not the landlord but the tenant. It is the tenants money that has disappeared. So if the agent who originally had the deposit has disappeared what can be done. The answer is very little. If the

By Mark Savill

deposit was insured there may be recourse. In reality the deposit has been lost. Interestingly if you were the landlord and had suffered damage and the deposit was no longer there you would still be able to make a claim against your tenant. Damage is not limited to the value of the deposit held. The claim is the claim, and if the deposit is insufficient then the claim is made against the tenant using the courts of necessary.

Q2: I am buying a house in a village near Cheltenham - it is an expensive area. Is it good value for money?

A: I need to declare a personal interest here because the person asking the question is my niece! The answer I gave sounded flippant but was actually the right answer. The answer was: "Who cares!" I mean that seriously! This is not an investment it will be her home. The mortgage will be a repayment one. They are planning to stay in the house for a long time. Every month they will pay a little off the mortgage. Every month they are one month closer to owning the home outright. This is a long term investment plan - but she has got the right idea. The sooner you start, the sooner you fin-

ish, and become mortgage free.

Q3: I have looked at buy to let - but I can never seem to make the figures work for me. Lots of other people are doing it - am I missing something?

A: This gentleman had been debating buy to let for years. If he had done this 5 years ago he would now be 5 years in to the investment. We went through the figures and I directed him to a web site that I built several years ago. That web site is www.make-money-from-property.co.uk. It examines buy to let in detail including the long term benefits of inflation which over time will increase the value of the asset, and decrease in real terms the value of the borrowing.

Many investors look at the annual rent, and then calculate this as a percentage of the value of the house to give them a return. This is only part of the answer. If you are using borrowing you need to calculate the annual profit against the capital that you invested to work out the return to you personally. Long term house prices tend to rise as other prices and earnings push affordability. The same effect means that over time the real value of any borrowing

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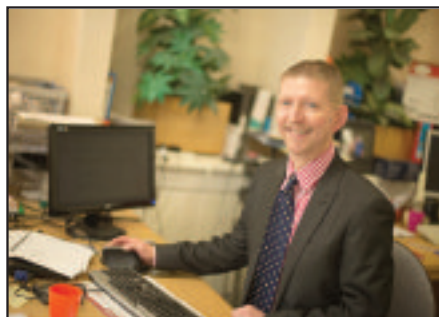
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Available to order now, deliveries of the new Nissan Note will start in October.

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- New Micra prices to start from £9,950
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- Three-model range with high equipment levels as standard
- New technology options include new NissanConnect navigation

NISSAN has announced prices and specifications for the new Micra, ahead of its UK showroom debut in September.

The iconic Micra has formed the backbone of Nissan's small car range for over 30 years, and in its latest incarnation offers more technology, equipment and value for money than ever before.

In addition to a bold new look front and rear, the new Micra also benefits from a complete interior makeover. A new centre console, upgraded materials, higher equipment levels and USB connectivity all feature as standard, while the new NissanConnect navigation and communication system, complete with state-of-the-art 5.8-inch touchscreen display, is also available for the first time on the Micra. Other clever technologies include a Parking Slot Measurement system and an i-Key feature that allows drivers to keep their keys in their pockets or bags when opening, closing and starting their Micra.

The launch range consists of three familiar trim grades and the option

of two advanced engines: a 1.2-litre 80PS unit and a 1.2-litre Supercharged DIG-S powerplant with 98PS. A CVT transmission is available on both engines.

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Acenta models cost from £11,550 and add alloy wheels, leather steering wheel with audio controls, climate control and cruise control, while range-topping Tekna variants start at £12,950 and include NissanConnect navigation, Parking Slot Measurement, rear parking sensors and Intelligent Key with engine start button.

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JACK HIGH overview of the local bowls scene

Merriott minnows hold Chard to a draw

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter

FIRSTLY I need to correct a mistake in last report. Chard does not have a member called Harry Rider. This should have read Barry Pinder, who played a part in recording this epic score.

No Lawn Bowls action this week but the Short Mat players have been busy. Firstly on Thursday (20th) they were hosts to Merriott. Merriott are a much smaller club but always prove difficult to beat. Both clubs played very well with Merriott winning three of the four matches. Even so, a draw seemed a suitable result at 45 each.

On the following day they welcomed Hemyock. This was a much easier match for the home players. Hemyock played well but Chard played better and won all four games. The final score reflects their dominance as Chard won 51 shots to 19.

CHARDSTOCK BOWLS with Gordon Bodily

WEDNESDAY, June 5th - Men's Over 60s League (B team) away to Ottery St Mary. Scores: D Eldridge, J Tucker and M Davenport 16; B Porton 26. B Howard. T Dredge

and J Marks 20; P Nicholls 15. Final score: Ottery St Mary 38, Chardstock 36.

Monday, June 10th - Eight members of the ladies section went Feniton to play a two rink friendly. Scores: Cynthia Bradford, Ann Dredge, Monica Sturley and Barbara Sluman 12; G North 24; Phylis Baldwin, Doris Emery, Sue Dando and Veena Cole 16; J Osullivan 18. Final score: Feniton 42; Chardstock 28.

Wednesday, June 19th - Men's Over 60s League (A team) away to Seaton. Scores: K Warren, A Day and K Wakelin 20; J Allison 10, M Rogers, M Toms and N Denslow 22; D Yardley 12. Final score: Seaton 22, Chardstock 42. B team away to Marina. Scores: B Howard, G Bodily, J Tucker 12, A Collins 19, J Butcher, D Eldridge and T Dredge 22; R Buckley 23. Final score: Marina 42, Chardstock 34.

Friday, June 21st - Our visitors were Budleigh Salterton to play a mixed friendly. Scores: P Compton, Sue Dando and A Day 22; D Dixon 13, A Callagan, Veena Caple and K Wakelin 17; G Roberts 16. M Rogers, D Eldridge and Barbara Slumab 20; B Stace 8; R Wines, Monica Sturley and Sheila Jeffery 19; D Blackwell 24, Adam Dredge, Ann Dredge and Terry Dredge 17; A Barrett 12. Final score: Chardstock 95, Budleigh Salterton 73

CREWKERNE SMBC with Gordon Bodily

MONDAY, June 17th - Our visitors were Oddcombe to play a mixed friendly. Scores: Rose Lee, Pat Crisp and G Bodily L 6-13, D Lee, Jackie Mitchel and J Lacey L 4-14; Sheila Howard, Carol Thackaberry and A Spinney L 3-15, D Wallis, Jackie Mitchel and S Crisp L 5-13. D Lee, Sheila Howard and G Bodily L 4-28; Rose Lee, Carol Thackaberry and J Lacey L 8-18. Final score: Crewkerne 30, Oddcombe 100.

ILMINSTER with Des Maul

LOUIS Ridout will play in the National Finals at Worthing after defeating A Colbrooke from Bath B C by 15 shots to 13 after an extra end in the semi-final of the two-wood singles.

Ilminster men are through to the quarter finals of the Turnbull Cup after winning by 53 shots (117 to 64) away at North Petherton. They now meet Bath B C on a neutral green.

Scores: Matt Hamilton, Paul Denslow, Neil Rowe and Phil Downs 36; C Draper 18; Bill Anderson, Andy Williams, Kevin Hamilton and Mark Denslow 23, D Bennetts 16; Rowland Garland, Bev Brister, John Ridout and Louis Ridout 28; M Care 16; Ian Lightfoot, Alan Holt, Jason Miles and Peter Mattravers 30; K Squire 14.

Ilminster travelled to Watchett B C in the third round of the best of five rink National Top Club. Ilminster won by four rinks to one and will now play the winners of the Bath v Portishead RBL in the regional semi-final.

Scores: Four wood singles Louis Ridout; two wood singles Peter Mattravers; Pairs Matt Hamilton and Neil Rowe; Triples Ian Lightfoot, Jason Miles and Mark Denslow, Fours Bill Anderson, Bev Brister, Steve Turner and Phil Downs.

Ilminster will also play Watchett in the National Double Rink after the A Team won one rink lost one rink to win overall against the Club B Team by 12 shots

Scores: A Team First Bill Anderson, Steve Turner, Phil Downs and Peter Mattravers 22; Gerry Morris, Paul Denslow, Alan Holt and Kevin Hamilton 7; Matt Hamilton, Neil Rowe, John Ridout and Louis Ridout 14; John Osborne, Andy Williams, Rowland Garland and Ian Lightfoot 17.

Only the C Team had a County League fixture on Saturday and came away with all 12 points after winning by 26 shots in a very tight contest with the winning margin on one rink was two shots and another rink only one.

Scores: Colin Osborne, Ian Dunford, K Swift and Briane Davies 18; B Courtney 16; Dave Wallis, Steve Webster, Peter Patmore and Robin Trump 17; B Codd 16; Dean Patmore, Mike King, Sam Webster and John Osborne 34; P Kelly 11.

In the Two Counties League Ilminster visited West-

land's B C and came away with three rinks to one win (79 to 61).

Scores: Dave Collins, Mark Davis, Cliff Whelan and Keith Swift 26; S Terrell 12; Ian Dunford, Rodney Robinson, Sam Webster and David Pugh 8; C Nicholls 24; Colin Osborne, Wallace Kerr, John Mitchel and Roger Brown 19; G Windeat 15; Dave Wallace, Gary Riste, Malcolm Norton and Mike King 22, M Purnell 10.

In the Ladies League Ilminster were at home to Yeovil B C and won on both rinks by a total of 18 shots (45 to 27).

Scores: Anne Morris, Maureen Mitchel, Betty Marner and June Checketts 17; B Colby 14; Helen Collins, Rita Grout, Margaret Evans and Monica Woodland 28; J Fudge 13.

MERRIOTT SHORT MAT BOWLS with Sandra Sumpter

MERRIOTT SMBC recently enjoyed a return visit by Oddcombe SMBC. In their visit to Oddcombe they were well and truly beaten by a score they would wish to forget. They were determined to improve on this result, Merriott played hard in an exciting and close fought game. They lost again but only by 41-46.

On Thursday, June 20th Merriott went across to their close neighbours Chard for what was to be a thrilling match. Everything rested on the last end. This resulted in the overall match being drawn at 45 all.

Merriott is a small club and has a very small nucleus of match players. Even so they prove to be worthy opponents to the larger clubs and are always good company

MERRIOTT BOWLS CUB with David Crisp

MERRIOTT kept up their winning ways at the two friendly matches they played last week. The ladies played in a three rink triples at Crewkerne last Friday and won convincingly by 63 shots to 37.

Scores: J.Crisp, J. Ashby and S.Hayes 31; E.Stringer 13; C.Parsons, A.Peters and M.Heathcote 18; S.Moore 10; B.Whitfield, M.Allen and P.Williams 14, M.Spurway 14.

At a very windy Charmouth on Sunday, Merriott played a four-rink triples. They won on three rinks and lost on one, and won by 79 shots to 45.

Scores: E.Rush, A.Williams and A.Peters won 14-12. D. Baker, J. Ashby and D.Crisp lost 15-17; M.Allen, C.Peters and D.Heathcote won 26-7; J.Crisp, P.Melson and P.Williams won 24-9.

SEVERALLS with Pru Robbins

ON Tuesday, June 18th Severalls welcomed Charmouth for a four rink triples match on a lovely summer's afternoon and after the usual 18 ends Severalls won by 129 shots to 29.

can be catered for.

During the season the league has two divisions, both with cup competitions, knock-out and nomination. Also the league has introduced a Sticker-up Cup in addition to competition finals, singles, and pairs competitions as well as league presentations, all being shared between league pubs. There is also a website which is updated weekly and can be used for advertising pubs via links as well as keeping up to date results, pictures, fixtures and other league news.

Results are also published regularly in the local papers, including *The Weekender*.

Scores: M.Robins T.Robins and D.Rees 36 -2; L. Freeman D.Wallis and A. Dow 22 - 15; C. Phinn, M. Rawe and B. McCallum 34 - 9; P. Robbins H. Leamon and K. Leamon 37 - 3.

Thursday, June 20th our near neighbours Crewkerne were our visitors for a four rink friendly match and after 21 ends we won by 117 shots to 41. Rink

Scores:- N.Patel, John Stacey, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 27; P.Stringer 17; L. Freeman, P.Robbins, A. Dow and D.Rees 35; K.Simmons 9; M.Robins, T. Robins and R. Devney 24; S. LeFevre 7; Jackie Stacey, S.Hyland, M.Rawe and B.Radford 31; J.Moss 8.

Finally on Sunday, June 23rd Bridport were our visitors on a very blustery but dry afternoon and after a very competitive game Severalls won by 96 shots to 59.

Scores: N. Patel, N.Austin, John Stacey and B.McCallum 22; D.Wilson 13, P. Loaring, J. Stacey, H. Leamon and K.Leamon 21; S.Jones 17, Jackie Stacey, C. Phinn, D.Wallis and R. Devney 17; T. Pratt 22 L.Freeman J.Mitchell M.Rawe A.Dow 36 - P. Wilson 7.

SOUTH PETHERTON with Tony Peterson

WEDNESDAY, June 19th saw the fourth round of matches in the Reynard Smith triples league, with wins for teams led by Colin Harris and Pete Mottram, the game between teams led by Steve Lester and Tony Peterson ended in a draw.

On Thursday, South Petherton played against Westlands in the Wessex league knock-out cup. This was a game of opposites as both South Petherton's home rinks lost and the two away rinks won, with the result in the balance.

Three rinks had finished with SPBC holding a 10 shot advantage and as the final rink started their last end Westland's were two shots up needing a hot shot to tie the game. Nerves were jangling as Westland's were holding six shots before South Petherton's skip Lawrence Symes drew shot with his first wood. He then drew a second only to see the Westland's skip take the shot with his last wood, but this was enough for South Petherton to win overall by seven shots, with the final score of 78 - 71.

Rink scores home: D Russell, H Cornelius, M Cornelius and L Symes lost 15 - 18; S Donovan, N Peterson, T Peterson and C Harris lost 14 - 19.

Rink scores away: H Perry, E Beckey, S Lester and P Hutchings won 29 - 19; D Lester, G Meecham, B Careford and P Mottram won 20 - 15.

On Saturday 22nd South Petherton hosted Gillingham in the Wessex mixed league, this was a very close game throughout played in windy conditions. South Petherton eventually won on three of the four rinks to take the points 14 - 2 with the final score of 89 - 84. This was a very good result for South Petherton who were without four of their first choice skips away on holiday.

Rink scores: B Raistrick, D Gard, D Hingley, and P Mottram won 22 - 19; H Perry, G Manuel, S Lester and B Careford won 24 - 16; N Peterson, H Cornelius, P Harris and M Cornelius won 27 - 23; H Peterson, D Lester, D Russell and T Peterson lost 16 - 26.

On Sunday, June 23rd Castle Cary were the visitors to South Petherton, for their return fixture in the Wessex mixed league. Again players had to contend with a blustery wind, which the South Petherton bowlers coped with better, as they won on three rinks and by 34 shots overall, with the final score being 95 - 61. Again this was a fantastic result due to the number first choice players unavailable for South Petherton.

Rink scores: H Perry, S Robinson, P Harris and M Cornelius lost 13 - 19; E Bernstein, J Raikes, D Lester and T Peterson won 27 - 14; J Peterson, P Burgess, G Meecham and S Lester won 23 - 15; S Donovan, H Cornelius, D Russell and B Careford won 32 - 13.

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women's football

New team at Combe

COMBE St Nicholas are setting up a women's team to play in the Somerset County League on Sundays.

As part of promoting the initiative, the club is staging a 5 a side ladies tournament which is being held at Combe FC on Saturday, July 6th, starting at 1.30 pm.

A club spokesman said: "We will have a BBQ, bouncy castle, bar and disco across the day and evening.

"If anyone is interested in putting a side in then to contact Mel at cullingfords@aol.com or to register an interest in playing football this season call 07415137326.

"This is a charity event in conjunction with Motor Neurone Disease. Entry will be £2 adults, £1 children, £5 family

"In the afternoon we are also holding our annual Terrier Racing event which will start at 5.30 pm. Anyone interested should contact Gary Biss on 07731419171 as there are limited places.

triathlon

Junior event this Sunday

THE Crewkerne Junior Triathlon will be staged on Sunday (June 30th) at the Crewkerne Aqua Centre and on the Henhayes field, starting at 10.30 am.

There will be four different age categories for competitors - eight years; nine to ten years; 11 to 12 years; and 13-15 years.

The older competitors will have to complete eight lengths of the pool in the Aqua Centre and then cycle 2,400 metres around Henhayes and finish with a 1,200 metre run.

The younger competitors will have to swim one length of the pool, cycle 60 metres and run 300 metres.

football

Green light for changing rooms

AFTER years of campaigning, a project to build changing facilities on Jocelyn Park in Chard looks like reaction fruition.

The two Perry Street league teams that play on the town centre field - Chard United and Chard Rangers - have secured a £10,000 sponsorship package from Bitcoin, a worldwide digital currency organisation.

Chard Town Council has also given backing to the two clubs to proceed with planning permission for the new changing accommodation.

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inside edge the local cricket scene

Maiden league century for Palfrey

DORSET LEAGUE
CREWKERNE 1st XI recorded an emphatic 219 run victory away against Dorchester 3rds on Saturday in Dorset League Division 5 North West.

Despite the loss of an early wicket, Phil Palfrey and Chris Gould put on 173 for the second wicket, before Gould was dismissed for 66.

Palfrey was the main stay of the innings and went on to record his maiden league century, hitting a magnificent 136, including 18 fours and two sixes. Nick Keylock (31) and Sam Rowsell (16) also chipped as Crewkerne finished on a daunting 281-7 from their 45 overs.

In reply a youthful Dorchester side started attacking from the off, but a constant loss of wickets saw them eventually bowled out for 62, with Darren Parsons (6-35) recording a career best figures, whilst Rowsell (4-14) also recorded his best league figures as Crewkerne consolidated top spot in Dorset League Division 5 North West.

The 1st XI have a week off this week as scheduled league opponents Henstridge pulled out of the league. There was also success for **CREWKERNE 2nd XI** as they overcame Beaminster 2nds by seven wickets at Henhayes.

The visitors were inserted into bat and the evergreen bowling duo of Alan Wellman (3-9) and Geoff Carr (3-18) proved too good, as aided by youngsters Adam Kember (2-24), Rob Keylock (1-17) and Joe Kember (1-21) Beaminster were bowled out for 89, with only A Phillips (30) getting double figures.

Chasing a small total is never easy, and Crewkerne got off to a wobbly

start as at one stage they slumped to 10-3, with Phillips (2-11) looking particularly dangerous. However, captain Richard Keylock and Wellman showed all their experience to see Crewkerne to a second league victory of the season, as they put on 82 for the fourth wicket, Keylock (47no) and Wellman (20no) as Crewkerne won by 7 wickets.

The 2nd XI this week travel to play Stalbridge 3rds, all players to meet at Wadham 12.45 or Henstridge at 1.30 for a 2pm start. The team will be from the following: Richard Keylock (captain), T Bending, N Bodger, G Carr, E Hawkins, R Hawkins A Kember, J Kember, N Keylock, Rob Keylock, A Wellman.

WEPL - Premier One
ILMINSTER 1st XI, lying at the foot of the table, demonstrated improved batting in their 94-run defeat against mid-table Corsham.

Ilminster, with skipper Sam Spurrway playing his first game of the season after injury, lost the toss and were asked to field.

It proved to be a long afternoon with the home team piling on 334 runs for the loss of only four wickets off their 50 overs. Openers Davies and D'Souza put on 184 runs for the opening wicket.

In reply, Ilminster lost promising young opening bat Josh Lee with only two runs on the board. Fellow opener Louis Kraecamp and Spurrway steadied the ship, however, pushing the score to 76 before the skipper was dismissed after hitting 30 off 31 balls.

Craig Rice (33) and Richard Elwood (42) looked in good form, Elwood's innings including five

massive sixes, but Ilminster were all out for 250, a creditable total under the circumstances.

Ilminster are still looking for that elusive first league win of the season.

Premier Two
CHARD 1st XI got off to a terrible start in their home match against Minehead, eventually losing by five wickets.

Chard found themselves on the rack, losing their first three wickets with only four runs on the board.

Two more wickets fell before Emllyn Kuhn and Reid Mawdsley put up some opposition, taking the score to 105 before Mawdsley went for 30. Kuhn went on to top score on 53 and wicketkeeper Nathan Warren weighed in with a useful 44 to help Chard finish on 181 all out.

Minehead started well, putting on 57 for the first wicket, and reached a winning score of 185-5 with comparative ease.

Scott Wells-Burr was the pick of the Chard bowlers, finishing with figures of 3-35.

Somerset Division

ILTON 1st XI failed to improve upon their second-from-bottom position when they lost by 67 runs at Frome.

Frome won the toss and elected to bat for 285-9, the highlight of the innings being a century from Daniel Dredge.

Iltton made a brave attempt in chasing the runs with Nat Price and Max Davies sharing a 67 partnership. Davies finished on 71 and Brett Venn added a useful 34 but a winning total was always out of reach and they finished on 218-9 from their allotted 50 overs.

Round Up

IN the Somerset League Division One **North Perrott** picked up useful points in a low scoring game at Purnells, winning by 25 runs.

In Division Two, however, **Barrington** lost narrowly by just three runs to Huish and Langport.

North Perrott 2nds chalked up a 25-run win over Long Sutton in Division Three but one of the best performances of the day came from bottom placed **South Petherton** who hit 206-5 to win their game against the side above them, Hornington.

In Division 9SE there were wins for **Ilminster B** over South Petherton and **Chard 750** over Broadway & Horton. who hit 441 runs between them.

In the Top Togs Evening Cricket league, **Ilminster** maintained their good form with a 29-run victory over Royal Oak having hit 196-3.

3Cs maintained their place at the top of the league with a victory over South Petherton, the highlight of which was a 70 from Nathan Warren.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

WEPL Premier One - Ashcott & Shapwick v Ilminster 1st. **WEPL Division Two** - Chard v Weston super Mare. **Somerset Division** - Winscombe v Iltton. 2nd XI. **Premier 2** - Ilminster v Chard. **Somerset League Division One** - North Perrott v Temple Cloud. **Division Two** - Barrington v Wincanton. **Division Three** - Wembdo nll v North Perrott II; Long Sutton v South Petherton. **Division Five** - Broadway & Horton v Taunton A. **Division Six** - Ilminster A v Chard A.

cricket tables

WEPL		
Premier 1	Pld	Pts
Bath.....	8	138
Frocester.....	8	132
Taunton St Andrews.....	8	112
Bridgwater.....	8	110
Downend.....	8	107
Corsham.....	8	95
Bristol.....	8	88
Ashcott & Shapwick.....	8	82
Keynsham.....	8	69
Ilminster.....	8	34

Premier 2		
Pld	Pts	
Weston Super Mare.....	8	137
Taunton Deane.....	8	123
Minehead.....	8	119
Thornbury.....	8	116
Chard.....	8	102
Glastonbury.....	8	99
Goatacre.....	8	82
Gloucester City.....	8	79
Cheltenham.....	8	78
Warminster.....	8	621

Somerset Div		
Pld	Pts	
Wembdon.....	8	147
Uphill Cstke.....	8	127
Bishops Lydeard.....	8	119
Staplegrave.....	8	112
Wellington.....	8	109
Westlands Sports.....	8	95
Frome.....	8	89
Winscombe.....	8	64
Iltton.....	8	58
Butleigh.....	8	50

Premier 2 2nd XI		
Pld	Pts	
Swindon.....	8	146
Chard.....	8	130
Taunton Deane.....	8	129
Knowle.....	8	107
Thornbury.....	8	105
Warminster.....	8	97
Cheltenham.....	8	90
Gloucester City.....	8	90
Glastonbury.....	8	70
Ilminster.....	8	37

SOMERSET LEAGUE		
Division 1	Pld	Pts
North Petherton.....	8	250
North Curry.....	8	250
Purnells.....	8	211
Ashbrittle.....	8	203
North Perrott.....	8	201
Kilmington & Sourton.....	8	190
Temple Cloud.....	8	187
Middlezooy.....	8	150
Castle Cary.....	8	120
Belvedere.....	8	103

Division 2		
Pld	Pts	
Bridgwater A.....	8	254
Bagborough.....	8	246
Wells.....	8	212
Huish & Langport.....	8	205
North Newton.....	8	183
Watchet.....	8	178
Cheddar.....	8	168
Barrington.....	8	145
Wincanton.....	8	137
Westlands II.....	8	111

Division 3		
Pld	Pts	
Kilve.....	8	240
Wembdon II.....	8	231
Long Sutton.....	8	201
Burnham.....	8	206
Upper Castle.....	8	192
North Perrott II.....	8	187
Wellington 2.....	8	179
Wedmore.....	8	148
Hornington.....	8	137
South Petherton.....	8	98

Division 5		
Pld	Pts	
Leigh-on-Mendip.....	8	240
Hardington & Woker.....	8	229
Broadway & Horton.....	8	221
Lydford.....	8	218
Trull.....	8	184
Baltonsborough.....	8	182
Bishops Lydeard II.....	8	143
Taunton A.....	8	134
Huish & Langport II.....	8	124
Sparkford.....	8	100

Division 6		
Pld	Pts	
Banwell & Churchill.....	8	264
East Huntspill.....	8	252
Purenells II.....	8	196
Taunton Deane Cav.....	8	193
Glastonbury Lambs.....	8	182
Butleigh II.....	8	168
Ilminster A.....	8	142
Castle Cary II.....	8	142
Taunton St Andrews A.....	8	136
Chard A.....	8	122

Division 8S		
Pld	Pts	
Wembdon Wyverns.....	7	214
All Saints.....	7	214
Taunton Dean Crusaders.....	7	203
Taunton St Andrews B.....	7	188
Westlands III.....	7	132
Wincanton 2.....	7	131
Iltton II.....	7	113
Lydford II.....	7	94
Barrington II.....	7	74

Division 9SE		
Pld	Pts	
North Perrott III.....	8	229
Broadway & Horton II.....	8	211
Chard 750.....	8	204
Sparkford II.....	8	200
South Petherton II.....	8	198
Leigh-on-Mendip II.....	8	168
Long Sutton 2.....	8	166
Ilminster B.....	8	138
Cranmore III.....	8	67
Glastonbury IV.....	8	-188

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Compton answers his critics against Aussies

SOMERSET'S Nick Compton - seemingly dropped from England's Ashes plans after failing to make the squad for the warm-up game against Essex next week - answered his critics in some style on Wednesday.

The Aussies are in Taunton for an Ashes warm-up of their own, and Compton will have taken much pleasure from his opening day knock of 81.

Nick brought up his half-century off 82 balls from the second delivery after lunch, and hit Peter Siddall for successive fours to close in on a century.

But he fell 19 short after pushing forward against the spin of Nathan Lyon and edging to slip, where Australia captain Michael Clarke was on hand with a one-handed catch.

Somerset made their opponents toil on the first day of their four-day against the tourists.

Chris Jones - only called up from the 2nd XI because of Alviro Petersen's injury - was the biggest star of the day.

He made 130, including 21 fours and two sixes. What made the knock even more impressive was that Chris

came into the game with a first-class average of just 17.

By the time he was caught out - slicing James Faulkner to gully and the hands of Shane Watson - he had scored 61 more runs than his previous highest first-class score.

Whilst Somerset looked like they were cruising - it was 304-3 when Jones walked back to the pavilion - his dismissal cued a massive collapse for the home side.

Returning from injury, Craig Kieswetter made just four runs, but that was better than the next five batsmen who walked without a single run to their name.

Last man Gemmal Hussain added six to the score to leave Somerset 320 all out, and Australia just enough time to face one over (2-0) before the close of play.

It was announced yesterday that Nick Compton will play for Worcestershire against Australia next week as he continues to fight for his place in England's Ashes Test team.

◆ SOMERSET finally picked up a much needed win in the LV= County Championship on Monday, when

they beat Derby away by four wickets.

The East Midlands side collapsed on the final day; resuming on 36-2, the home XI were skittled out before lunch by Steve Kirby (4-18) and Craig Meschede (3-17).

That left Somerset chasing chasing 145, with Nick Compton (56) and captain Marcus Trescothick (21) sharing 60 before the latter fell to Jonathan Clare.

The Derbyshire seamer took 5-29 as Somerset looked decidedly uneasy at 109-5, but Peter Trego and Craig Meschede finished the job.

The win lifted Somerset up two places to sixth in the Division One table, with Derbyshire remaining at the bottom.

◆ The Cidemen begin this season's Friends Life Twenty 20 campaign at home to old rivals Gloucestershire next Friday.

The format of this year's competition sees Somerset play ten group games (five home, five away) before possible progression to the quarter finals (August 6th-8th) and T20 Finals Day at Edgbaston on August 17th.

Somerset have reached Finals Day every year for the last four seasons but are still searching for their first trophy since 2005.

Overseas player Alviro Petersen will be joined by Pakistan all-rounder Yasir Arafat for the T20 fixtures.

Arafat has a batting average of 14.70 from his 150 matches in T20 and has claimed 183 wickets at 22.03.

On signing, Arafat said: "Somerset are a county that have always done well in the competition and I look forward to contributing to further success and playing in front of a great crowd at Taunton."

YB40 Group C	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	Run R
Somerset.....	8	5	2	1	11	1,423	
Gloucestershire.....	7	5	1	1	11	0,365	
Glamorgan.....	7	4	2	1	9	0,644	
Middlesex.....	8	4	3	1	9	0,406	
Leicestershire.....	7	4	3	0	8	0,067	
Yorkshire.....	8	2	6	0	4	-0,78	
Unicorns.....	9	0	7	0	2	-1,788	

LV=CC Div One	P	W	L	D	Ba	Bo	Pts
Yorkshire.....	9	4	1	4	27	125	
Sussex.....	9	3	0	6	29	117	
Durham.....	8	4	2	2	19	108.5	
Middlesex.....	8	3	1	4	17	97	
Nottinghamshire.....	8	2	2	4	25	19	88
Somerset.....	9	1	3	5	19	22	72
Surrey.....	9	0	2	7	26	22	69
Warwickshire.....	8	1	2	5	17	20	68
Derbyshire.....	8	0	5	3	19	15	43

YEOVIL FOOTBALL

cycling



CHRIS Mansell in action in the Honiton 10 mile Time Trial

Tim first home in time trial

A TOUGH westerly head wind made riding difficult early on Sunday for the McKinlays first Chard Wheelers 10 mile time trial.

Twelve Wheelers took part with the best time coming from TT maestro Dave Moffett (23 mins 3 secs). George Fowler on 24:32 and Toby Gilmore on 25:35 were next. Fourteen year old Ryan White rode 25:41 with Buster Lawrence clocking 25:46 and Dave Lane 25:50. Chris Mansell stopped the clock at 25:57, Oli Cooper 26:15 and Richard Lup-ton 26:46 were next.

The veteran contingent used all their experience to record some good times with Dave Moran on 26:48, John Trout on 29:42 and John Watson on 30:34.

Earlier in the week, Ruby Bond (U14) and her brother George (U10) both won their races in the final round of the South-west Mountain bike (MTB) Cross Country (XC) series. These wins mean that the siblings both won the series and are now Regional champions. Ruby is also the SW regional cyclo-cross champion and has just been selected for the SW regional (Under 16) team. Rob Hogg and Jacob Board have also both been selected for the SW team.

On Tuesday the first Westpoint Grand Prix race meeting was held in Exeter and two youth Wheelers put in top level performances. Max Hinds, in the Under 12 race, won emphatically after a tremendous ride. His tactics were spot on, attacking on the hills and won by some 38 seconds. Evan Richards rode to a great third place.

Another tactically sound and fast race was ridden by under 14 rider, Ryan White, who won the U16/U14 race with a very strong uphill sprint finish.

Ruby Bond completed a brilliant few days by sealing victory in the under 14 girls. Under 8 rider, Magnus Larsen, competed in the British Schools hill climb and track omnium championships taking a bronze medal for the hill climb.

Glovers back in training

AS always transfer news is rife during the summer break with a number of deals to be finalised once the transfer market opens next Monday.

However, despite their elevation to the Championship, Glovers manager Gary Johnson is keeping his powder dry despite the usual media speculation

With a miserly budget compared with most of his opponents, he has already announced that it was unlikely there would be any big name signings, and that he would have to look for what is known as "Gary's Gambles"; generally young players who

have yet to prove themselves.

Johnson is too experienced to give anything away to ensure he does not alert any other clubs to possible targets, and so there is little to confirm at the moment, but if they are as good as last year's; Paddy Madden, Sam Foley and Kevin Dawson; then Yeovil fans will all be satisfied.

One player joining for pre-season training that started this week, is former Chelsea trainee Seth Nana Ofori-Twumasi who played for Johnson at both Peterborough and Northampton. The 23-year-old who played for all the England teams between Under 16 to Under 20 will be trying to

with Stuart Broom



impress his former boss and obtain a contract.

Another name being mentioned is former Southampton striker Sam Hoskins. The 20-year-old who was born in Dorchester was released by the Saints at the end of the season and is a free agent.

Dominic Blizzard, one of three players released by Johnson has agreed to join Plymouth Argyle on a two-year contract, whilst Reuben Reid who joined the Pilgrims on loan last season, will see out his contract with the Glovers on loan at Home Park for the whole of next season.

There is news that Dan Burn may not return to Huish Park as hoped for the new campaign. The 21-year-old central defender formed a good relationship with Byron Webster and declared he would be happy to return after Fulham announced he did not figure in their first team plans for next season.

However, it looks like he may be hijacked by Birmingham City who have announced that they will be taking two Premiership club central defenders on loan. This is a case where whatever Burns thoughts, the Blues will be able to offer him a much better financial deal; something Johnson will be aware of as life in the Championship begins.

point-to-point

Biddick crowned champion rider

THE Wessex Point-to-Point Area's six main awards, sponsored this season for the first time by Spillers Horsefeeds, will be presented at the summer party on Saturday, July 20th to be held at the George Albert Hotel near Evershot, between Yeovil and Dorchester.

Leading gentleman rider is Cornishman Will Biddick, who was also crowned National Champion at Saturday's Torrington Farmers meeting at Umberleigh, Devon. Biddick rode 38 winners this season, 26 of which were on Wessex courses, and many provided by Seaborough (Dorset) handler Richard Barber, who took both the National and inaugural Wessex Area Trainer titles. Barber employee Martin McIntyre completed a hat trick of wins for the Seaborough yard by taking the National and Wessex Area Novice Rider titles.

Emily MacMahon wins the Leading Lady Rider contest for the first time, thanks to her prolific partnership with Master Medic, whose five Wessex Area wins gained the Leading Owner Award for New York-based Jim Chromiak (racing as The Pell-Mell Partners). Master Medic's Okeford Fitzpaine trainer Sally Alner wins the inaugural Area Trainer's title (fewer than 10 horses).

Wessex also achieved further success on the national stage with Champagne Rosie. Trained at Sutton Montis by first season handler Charlotte Davis, John Meaden's 7yo was the runaway winner of the National Leading Novice Mare Award.

Martin McIntyre also triumphed in the two Badbury Rings/Milborne St Andrew awards – the Dick & Sue Woodhouse Memorial Challenge Cup, jointly with last season's winner Louis Muspratt, and the Eric Dymott Novice Riders Trophy, where Muspratt came just one point behind in second.

Other memorial awards include the John Dufosse Trophy for the most successful owner-rider in Wessex, won by Lucy Gould (Special Occasion) and the Angie Burrough Trophy for the best rider at her three favourite meetings, won by Josh Guerriero.

Welcome new sponsors for 2013 were estate agents Greenslade Taylor Hunt, who provided an award for the most successful horse on courses in the west of the area. The winner was Lucy Gould's Special Occasion.

At Larkhill Racecourse Master Medic gained further glory as Leading Horse in the Larkhill Specialist Awards. Richard Barber regained his place as Leading Trainer after being piped at the post last year by Stuart Penny. Runaway Leading Jockey was area champion Will Biddick. Only three points separated the top three for the Leading Owner-Trainer title, which was won by Tom Lacey, followed by El Tanner and Edward Magor. Likewise, Felix Wheeler took the Leading Owner-Rider award, closely followed by Caroline Dennis and David Renney.

hill climbing

Testing conditions at Manor Farm event

THE winners of the weekend's Three Clubs Manor Farm Hill Climb at Charmouth had a prime ministerial ring to them, with Newton Abbot's Dave Sims taking fastest time of the day on Saturday and Ian Cameron snatching the honour in Sunday's worsening conditions.

Co-promoted by Taunton, Burnham-on-Sea and Torbay Motor Clubs, the events were rounds of two regional contests, the Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S 2013 Association of South Western Motor Clubs Hill Climb and the Top Performance Services 2013 Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs Speed Hill-climb Championships.

The two days of competition proved to be very different, with Saturday's entrants enjoying largely fair conditions, enabling Sims (2-litre Ralt RT33/34 SRD) to dip into the 27 second bracket on his second run, a full one and half seconds faster than his nearest rival in the racing car classes, John Burton (Ralt RT3) only managing a time of 29.19 seconds; more intense competition for the top of the podium came from Andrew Short's Sports Libre OMS SC21, and Colin Satchell and Paul Drowne in their modified-class Peugeot 205's. All three set sub-29 second times,

with Drowne snatching the C3 class award from Satchell by the slimmest of margins, just 1/100th of a second.

Robert Thomson (Vauxhall Nova GTE) initially dominated the packed ranks of 13 competitors in Class A2 with two runs under 32 seconds, which none of his rivals could approach until Jonathan Langmead (Lotus Elan S3) topped the times with a last-gasp run of 31.35 seconds.

Bursts of rain

Sunday was a very different proposition, with erratic bursts of rain and drizzle making track conditions hard to read; a progressively wet practice period and only marginally better conditions for the second timed run. Unable to put down the full power of the SRD-powered Ralt, Dave Sims had to be content with a class win whilst Cameron's nimble 1300 cc category Chaplin Hornet was better able to cope with the slippery track, taking the win with a second run of 29.37 seconds. For the second year running, Chard's Stuart Browne (OMS SF2), who won the E2 class on both days, was once again the 'best of the rest', with a Sunday time of 30.12 seconds.

In A2 Jonathan Langmead was in-

explicitly off-form in the wet conditions, allowing Honiton-resident Robert Thomson to exact revenge for the previous day, his winning time of 34.91 being almost a full second ahead of his nearest rival. The long-standing battle for supremacy in the largest capacity standard production class was 'honours-even', with Yeovil's Simon Neve (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo6) taking the class on Saturday and Exeter garage-owner Steve Clarke (Subaru Impreza) settling the score with half-second advantage on Sunday. Father and son pairing David and Jan Yeo, who share their Westfield SEi, scrapped for the class award once again in B2, with David this time turning the tables on his son by taking victory on both days, exactly the opposite result from 2012.

Local drivers, Blandford's Andrew Forsyth (Alfa-Dana) (E1) and Tim Porter (Darrin T90) from Wimborne (D4), along with Browne, were two of ten drivers who completed double victories, winning their classes on both days, whilst Weymouth's Geoff Blake in his Westfield SEi won the C6 class on Sunday.

The event supported the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

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Steve wins second match on the trot

Chard AC - Spring League 7

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD - PERRY STREET POND
20 fished

ROUND eight saw some good weights again with Steve Bush winning his second match on the trot, this time with 92lb 8oz of carp on the worm from peg 10.

Alan Gage was second with 49lb from peg 14 with Paul Blake third with 44lb 14oz and Graham Pepper fourth with 34lb 14oz. On the silvers front Andy Winters continued his good run with 9lb of skimmers and eels from peg 7, Mike Hosgood was second with a level 8lb from peg 18 with Mark Mockridge third with 6lb 6oz and Jamie Rich fourth with 5lb 9oz from peg 15.

The next match is in two weeks with the draw at the pond at 9.15 am.

Results:

Carp

- 1 - Steve Bush (Chard) - 92lb 8oz
- 2 - Alan Gage (Chard) - 49lb
- 3 - Paul Blake (Chard) - 44lb 14oz
- 4 - Graham Pepper (Taunton) - 34lb 14oz

Silvers

- 1 - Andy Winters (Chard) - 9lb
- 2 - Mike Hosgood (Near Exeter) - 8lb
- 3 - Mark Mockridge (Chard) - 6lb 6oz
- 4 - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) - 5lb 9oz

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